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K takes 'new ideas' to Egypt after marathon Cabinet talks

No-war formula said softened

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel softened the formulation of its non-belligerency demand yesterday in an effort to save the second-stage negotiation with Egypt from deadlock. Ministers and senior officials strained through over 15 hours of Cabinet meetings during Wednesday and yesterday to moderate the Israeli non-belligerency formulas without giving up the political essence of the demand.

Finally, yesterday evening, the Israel negotiating team presented to Secretary of State Kissinger some "new ideas" in what Defence Minister Shimon Peres called "the complete proposal of the Israel Cabinet." Dr. Kissinger flew with this to Aswan and he will return here at midday today with President Sadat's response. Assuming that response is not totally negative, the Secretary will make a fifth shuttling trip to Aswan and back over Saturday and Sunday.

The new Israeli proposal is understood to comprise several alternative options, not just one take-it-or-leave-it proposition. Stiffer juridical formulations of the non-belligerency pledge are set off against lesser insistence on some "practical components of non-belligerency," while greater leeway in the formulation is linked to greater insistence on the practical measures.

Israel is also still pointing out to Egypt that the non-belligerency requirement can be dispensed with almost completely — in a "modest" settlement scenario not incorporating the Mitla and Gidi Passes. Egypt has in the past flatly rejected the original Israeli proposal of a 30-50 kms. pullback embracing neither the Passes nor the Abu Rodeis oilfields. But well placed sources noted yesterday that room for geographical juggling still existed between the "modest" and the "broad" scenarios.

There has been no substantial Israeli shift, it is understood, on the issue of time which is sharply disputed between the two sides. Israel is still demanding a lengthy time-span during which the provisions of an accord would remain in force.

Feeling often ran high during the long hours of Cabinet deliberations, it is reliably learned. The Ministers were asked to vote several times as the two Mapam members proposed compromise ideas and formulations which the majority did not accept. NRP's Dr. Yitzhak Raphael, hitherto thought of as a hardliner, is reported to have abstained in some of these votes. Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, who seemed to some observers the "softliner" of the negotiating trio, was apparently absent during the hand-counts.

Defence Minister Peres has consistently led hardline opinion within the government policy-making forums before and during these negotiations. He found support yesterday, according to sources close to him, from Premier Rabin and the most policy-makers in his insistence that the political essence of the non-belligerency demand could not be compromised if Israel were to cede the strategic passes.

The Cabinet first convened in special session on Wednesday morning. It recessed at midday and reconvened in the evening for a marathon session which ended at two a.m. yesterday. A brief statement issued then said that the negotiating team had been "authorized to continue the talks ... striving for a positive conclusion of the negotiations ..."

Most of the top Ministers and officials did not sleep during what remained of the night, as they prepared for a negotiating session after breakfast with the Secretary of State.

Dr. Kissinger, according to one Israeli source, evinced some disappointment during this session at the small shifts in the Israel Government's position.

The full Cabinet then reconvened, with Defence Minister Peres explaining to newsmen that the negotiating team had sought some "clarifications" from the Secretary which it had to report back to the Cabinet.

A further four-hour cabinet discussion ensued, while Dr. Kissinger awaited its outcome in his hotel suite. After five o'clock, he met again with the Israeli team, to hear the final and authoritative upshot of the Cabinet's intensive and exhausting deliberations.

A second Cabinet statement was meanwhile issued, saying much the same as the first. The negotiators were again empowered "to continue the talks," and the Cabinet again expressed its hope for a "a positive conclusion."

A high source explained last night that the policy-makers had spared neither time nor effort in their painstaking attempt to save the settlement talks. They had examined the Israeli position minutely and meticulously, softening and moderating wherever possible without eroding the essentials.

Israel was "eager for the talks to succeed," this source said, and had "bent over backwards" to facilitate their success.

The policy-makers, he added, had been constrained to some extent by the consideration of public credibility. The Israeli starting position had been thoroughly aired and exabined by press and public—and the government knew that any large-scale abandonment of previously enunciated principles would inevitably bring down sharp criticism upon them. President Sadat, the source noted wryly, was not as troubled by such concerns.

Another source said that the day's deliberations had obviously been influenced, if only sub-conciously, by events in Southeast Asia. Israel's constant concern was to ensure that it remained strong enough to defend itself, this source said. But the current happenings in South Vietnam and Cambodia served as a sharp and pungent reminder to Jerusalem policymakers of what the dangers were. Southeast Asia had been mentioned during the Cabinet's deliberations, this source said.

At the same time, the Ministers and officials were sharply aware of Israel's overriding need to retain American friendship and support. The possible failure of the negotiation was discussed from this aspect too.

Though these thoughts crossed Israeli minds, they were not spelled out or even implied by the Secretary, well-placed sources said. "No complaints regarding Kissinger" was the unanimous verdict of the negotiating team. He had not hidden his intense desire to bring off an agreement, but nor had he hinted at pressures or threats.

The Secretary has not yet drawn up a formal compromise proposal of his own, the sources said. But he has introduced, informally, ideas and suggestions of his own on a tentative basis.

Asked about this yesterday evening, Mr. Peres said an interchange of ideas and suggestions was inherent "in the nature of a dialogue."

Israeli observers are hoping that the gap between Jerusalem and Aswan will sufficiently narrow over the weekend to enable Dr. Kissinger to draft his own compromise proposal and submit it to the parties.

Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur was present throughout the Cabinet discussions, expounding on the military implications of the various options. Also present was Attorney-General Meir Shamgar, who briefed Ministers on the juridical implications of the various non-belligerency formulations.

'STILL IN BUSINESS'

ASWAN (UPI). — "We are still in business," an American official said as Kissinger flew here yesterday with the additional proposals drafted by the Israel Cabinet meeting during the past 24 hours that forced to delay Kissinger's departure four times.

A senior American official aboard Kissinger's plane said there is still no agreed "framework" for the accord — how far Israel will withdraw in Sinai in exchange for what Egyptian concessions.

The official disclosed, however, the Israel Cabinet has moved beyond its last formal offer of a withdrawal that falls short of the Sinai Passes and Abu Rodeis oilfields.

He said Kissinger has still not put forward a U.S. proposal to bridge the gap, indicating that it was still too wide.

The official described the Israeli proposals as refinement and modification of what Israel has proposed before. He said that if there is to be agreement one country or the other would have to take the final step soon and it could happen on any shuttle.

Saigon quitting Hue

300,000 REFUGEES FLEEING SOUTH

GON (UPI). — The South namese Government abandon- he old imperial capital of Hue its surrounding provinces yes- ay in the most stunning mili- setback in 29 years of war South Vietnam.

ommunist troops appeared to elping the evacuation, raising possibility of a political deal veen the government and the cong.

ided at one point by the head- s of North Vietnamese tanks, than 300,000 civilians and 0 troops fled Hue, one of the liest American battlefields of war, and Quang Tri province, kms. north of Saigon.

esident Nguyen Van Thieu d yesterday in a taped radio ch to the Nation "to defend territory to the end."

e have been fighting under itions resulting from weak mili- assistance," Thieu said in his reference to debate in the U.S. ress over aid to Indochina. He the government still controlled indicating the speech was some time on Wednesday.

reports from the northern said government officials the word yesterday to evacuate the former imperial capital South Vietnam's third largest

nk-led Communist forces at- d government marines at g Tri late Wednesday and the es quickly pulled out and fled officers in Saigon said. The Vietnamese stopped shooting they saw the marines were ating and turned on their tank ights to illuminate the with- l route, the officers said.

pture of Quang Tri and the loning of Hue left the Com- sts in control of seven of Vietnam's 44 provinces — rea including 15 per cent of ation's land area and 1.8 mil- of South Vietnam's 20 million ation.

w in Communist hands are g Tri and Thua Thien pro- s just below North Vietnam. m. Pleiku and Dariac pro- s in the Central Highlands, and Phuoc Long and Binh Long provinces, about 112 kms. north of Saigon.

The Communist offensive has sent an estimated one million refugees fleeing cities and towns across the country in a search for safety. Saigon now controls only 50 per cent of the nation's territory.

Virtually all 62,000 civilian residents of Phu Bon province have joined the 96-kms. long "convoy of tears" retreating slowly from Pleiku, reports said. Government troops and warplanes left Pleiku and its military bases in smoldering ruins.

The convoy of refugees from the Central Highlands yesterday passed the provincial capital of Cheo Reo, one-third of its way to Tuy Hoa on the central coast, 370 kms. northeast of Saigon. Reports from the scene said Vietcong soldiers with banners stood at the side of the dirt road through the jungle and waved to the 250,000 retreating troops and civilians.

In the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, two rockets yesterday hit the homes of Prime Minister Long Boret and navy commander Vong Sarendy but neither man was hurt. A total of 20 insurgent rockets slammed into Phnom Penh, killing four people and wounding 15 others.

The British Embassy yesterday announced it would be temporarily closed from today, with the remaining six members of its staff being flown out to Saigon.

A South Vietnamese refugee family arrives by helicopter to safety at Tuy Hoa yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

Sadat calls in War and Foreign ministers after talks in Aswan

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was due to hold an extraordinary session last night with War Minister Lt.-Gen. Mohammed Abdul-Ghani Gamasy and Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy, as preliminary reports from Aswan said that the Egyptian leadership was giving "solemn thought" to Israel's latest proposals for an interim settlement in Sinai. The Israeli proposals were conveyed late last night to Sadat by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger upon arrival in Aswan from Jerusalem.

The Secretary last night declared at the Egyptian Upper Nile city that "there's hope for an agreement."

Reports said that the Egyptian and the American sides were last night incorporating legal experts in the negotiations, indicating that they were deliberating details and provisions of a possible accord.

Prior to Kissinger's departure from Jerusalem to Aswan yesterday evening, American sources expressed optimism over bridging the differences between Egypt and Israel, though they were cautious about the time needed to close the gap between the two sides. "Things will be definitely clarified" on Kissinger's return today to Jerusalem from Aswan, one source said.

Diplomatic circles, however, still noted that Syria remains Sadat's main problem.

These sources reported growing American concern over Syria's recent military manoeuvres, with the Syrians seen to be actively preparing their war machinery as Kissinger's mission progressed. The Syrians have staged extensive exercises involving their 150,000-strong army.

Syria's forces now consist mainly of two armoured divisions, two mechanized troop divisions, five commando battalions and one paratroop battalions, with 2,000 tanks, chiefly T-62s, 400 warplanes including 50 Mig23s, in addition to some 40 anti-aircraft missile batteries and several ground-to-ground Frog and Scud rockets batteries.

The circles said that Kissinger was planning an early visit to Syria, his third in the current mission, though they said the Secretary would only decide on this after his talks in Aswan.

One of the main topics of Kissinger's talks in Aswan is the Egyptian Government statement of Wednesday pledging to refrain from the use of force as long as provisions of the disengagement agreements with Israel remain valid.

American sources said that the Secretary intended to probe Egypt's intentions in making the statement which, the sources added, could help bring Egypt and Israel closer on the issue of a no-war pledge.

Though reasserting their reluctance to make a formal non-belligerency commitment before the conclusion of an overall Middle East settlement, the Egyptians yesterday said that their Wednesday night statement constituted declaration of peaceful intent.

Egyptian spokesmen indicated that the statement was designed to impress Israel with the fact that it would not risk a future military offensive by Egypt if it concedes the Gidi and Mitla passes as well as the Abu Rodeis oil fields in an interim Sinai settlement.

The spokesmen reiterated Cairo's insistence on an Israeli pullback from the key passes and the oilfields, indicating Egypt's preference to continue the pursuit of a broad interim settlement rather than a limited one in the next stage.

In summarizing Egypt's position, Cairo's "Al-Ahram" daily yesterday said that the Egyptian Government remains adamant on these demands:

- An Israeli withdrawal from an area including the Sinai passes and the Abu Rodeis oil fields along a front extending south to E-Tur on the Gulf of Suez.
- The withdrawal should be completed within a period of three to six months.
- The establishment of an "adequate" buffer zone between Egyptian and Israeli troops to prevent clashes between the two sides.
- Thinning out of forces along both sides of the disengagement line; it was recalled Egypt has re-

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Oil consumers to set minimum price

PARIS (AP). — Leading industrial nations including the U.S. and Japan yesterday agreed in principle to set minimum price levels by July 1 for oil sold on domestic markets, to protect investment into new energy sources.

The 18 nations of the International Energy Agency agreed that oil could be imported at any price but that governments should regulate domestic sales through levies or other unstated means.

CIA chief: Some foreign agents don't want to work for us

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

HINGTON. — William Colby, or of the U.S. Central Intelli- Agency, said in an interview hed yesterday that several n intelligence services are rned about the recent uproar e U.S. surrounding the CIA this could affect their colla- on with the United States.

an interview with "Washing- itar" correspondent Jeremiah ry, Colby also said that "a er of individual agents abroad have told us that they really don't want to work for us anymore."

Colby, who did not name any of the foreign agencies that have expressed their concern to the U.S., explained that these intelligence services fear that they will be "exposed" and "subject to criticism in their country."

He said that this is "a very serious problem for our country. We are in the process of losing some of the information that otherwise we would be getting."

Published reports in the U.S. have said that the CIA has had a close relationship with Israeli intelligence over the years.

The former head of CIA counter-intelligence, James Angleton, who resigned late last year following press reports that he was responsible for allegedly illegal domestic surveillance, was also in charge of the Israel desk at the CIA. He was reported to have built a close relationship with Israeli intelligence, including collaboration on several issues.

Without naming any foreign government, Colby said yesterday: "They're beginning to pull back, or some of them have just stopped working with us."

Knesset rises for Passover, resumes on April 28

By ASHER WALLFISH
rusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Knesset rose yesterday after- at the end of its winter term e Passover recess and will e for the summer term on y, April 28.

ore then, however, the Knes- likely to be called into spe- ession in connection with Dr. ger's negotiation efforts, which over the final day's proceed- like a cloud.

The Government would call a special session if it had an important statement to make about progress or deadlocked in the Kissinger bid. The Opposition would also call a special session if it felt that the Government was overstepping its negotiating mandate, and the necessary 30 signatures have all been collected by the Likud bloc, ready to submit to Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu.

There were reports in the Knesset lobby that the House might be called into special session next Monday.

One of the Knesset's final steps before rising was to approve an interim State Budget of IL11,203.4m. for the first quarter — from April 1 to June 30. The interim budget is necessary because the Knesset could not approve the State Budget for the full year, in time, before the recess.

Finance Committee chairman Yisrael Kargman reminded the House that the sum involved was one-fifth of the annual total, yet it was to be spent during one-quarter of the year. This meant that expenditure in effect was being cut down by 25 per cent in the first quarter, to make sure that revenue did not fall so far behind spending that excessive amounts of money would have to be printed.

Before the interim State Budget was passed on the second and third readings, the House likewise passed into law a series of other fiscal measures entailed in the new State Budget. These were the Employers Tax, the Land Betterment War Loan, the Defence Purchase Financing Loan, the Savings Loan, and the Defence Stamp Laws.

Speaker Yeshayahu closed the session with one of his briefest end-of-term addresses ever. He told the House that the all-engaging political, security, economic and social problems of the State were so pressing, that a proper summary of parliamentary work would only be possible at the end of the summer session. Before then he said, the House should study its own workings in order to amend procedures and make them more efficient than now.

The Speaker vigorously condemned the recent spate of violent demonstrations held outside the Knesset. People had been hurt and property had been damaged as a consequence, he complained. Those who enjoyed the privilege of demonstrating outside the Knesset had just as much obligation to respect democracy and freedom of speech as the people's elected representatives, he said.

He stressed the nation's yearning for peace in his final Pessach greeting, but pointed out that in the atmosphere of hostility pressing in Israel from near and far, the nation would protect its right to a life of dignity and security.

The Speaker had a special word for the bereaved families, wishing them a *seder* meal in a mood of consolation and hope for a better future.

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THE WEATHER

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Outlook for Saturday: Warm and dry.
Weather synopsis: Ridge from Turkey to Eastern Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	42	6—15	7—17
Golan	66	6—14	8—15
Nahariya	60	7—19	9—21
Safad	79	5—14	8—16
Haifa	54	9—19	10—21
Tiberias	66	8—20	10—24
Afula	42	5—21	8—23
Shomron	49	7—17	9—19
Tel Aviv	57	11—19	12—21
B-G Airport	44	8—22	10—24
Jericho	37	8—24	10—26
Gaza	59	9—20	11—21
Beersheba	33	6—21	9—23
Eilat	18	14—27	15—29
Tiran	26	17—26	18—28

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received the participants in the International Seminar on Magneto-Hydrodynamics which was sponsored by Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba.

Mr. Constantin Prevedourakis, the new Greek Consul General in Jerusalem, yesterday visited Mayor Teddy Kollek. Another visitor to Mr. Kollek yesterday was Rev. Monsignor Elias Zyadeh, the Maronite Patriarchal Vicar.

A European Socialist Parliamentary Delegation yesterday visited the Foreign Ministry and participated in a symposium on relations between the Middle East and Europe.

Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi opened an exhibition of the works of Ben Zion, of New York, at the National Maritime Museum in Haifa on Tuesday.

Dr. Yehuda Friedlander, Head of the Department of Hebrew Literature at Bar-Ilan University, has received the Talpir Literary Prize of the Hebrew Writers Institute, for his book "Existence and Experience in the Hebrew Writing of Y.L. Peretz."

Abraham Tyano, commercial manager of Air France for Israel, has been awarded one of the highest civilian decorations given by the French Government, the Ordre National du Mérite, for "devotion and achievements" in the service of the airline.

Louis Taubman, of Los Angeles, yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute, meeting with Professor Chaim L. Pekeris, who occupies the Herman Taubman Chair of Applied Mathematics, and with Professor Lee Segal, head of the Applied Mathematics Department.

Professor Herman Feshbach of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology yesterday gave the sixth Amos de Shalit Memorial Lecture at the Weizmann Institute. He spoke on the Evolution of a Nuclear Reaction.

Members of the French Committee of Friends for Shaare Zedek yesterday visited the hospital in Jerusalem.

The Treasury's Deputy Budget Director, Ephraim Dovrat, is to speak on the 1975 Budget at the Haifa Engineers' Club at 1 o'clock today.

The Bank of Israel's Examiner of Banks, Dr. Meir Heth, is to speak to the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club on Israel's banking system in the world's money markets at the Zion Hotel at 1 o'clock today. Table reservations can be made by phone: 04-511593.

The speakers at the Oneg Shabbat at Hechal Shlomo tonight at 8.30 will be Rabbi David Telsner and Mr. Ze'ev Shatil of the Foreign Ministry. Zmirot: Cantor Arye Goldberg. A Melaveh Malka programme will be held at 8.00 p.m. tomorrow. Pinhas Eliav of the Foreign Ministry will be guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lendner will sing and a film will be shown. The public is invited.

BIRTH

MAGNES — To Liz (née Rosenbaum) and Rafi, a daughter, Jerusalem, March 20, 1975.

ARRIVALS

Henry Kroeger, Vice President of the German Youth Hostels Association, at the head of a delegation of educationalists from the States of Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein, as guests of the Israel Youth Hostels Association.

Conductor and pianist Daniel Barenboim, to give a recital and a series of concerts with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. (British Airways)

Lee Alickek, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D. and Judy Tuckman, engaged. LONDON, England.

Dr. Jaime and Sylvia Sznajder, Montevideo — Arie and Ivria Oron, Tel Aviv — are glad to announce the marriage of their children Joyce and Nehemia (Hemi). Tel Aviv, March 20, 1975

To the Chief Doctor and Director of Beit Avot Malben-Dora, Netanya, Dr. Karol Stadler. Heartiest Congratulations on your 75th Birthday and 50 years of work as a doctor. Grateful residents of houses 4 and 6, and the Housemother

SPAIN BARS IPO

PARIS (JTA). — The Spanish Government has refused entry visas to the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra which was due to give a concert in Madrid next week.

A spokesman for the French Friends of the Weizmann Institute, under whose auspices the Philharmonic was giving a concert in Paris yesterday, said the Spanish Consulate refused to grant the visas pleading "security problems."

The spokesman added that the Consulate had also refused to grant "a licence to perform" which is mandatory for all public shows and concerts in Spain.

The orchestra, consisting of some 120 performers and technicians, has shortened its trip and is returning to Israel today.

Artzi under guard, 'just like Dr. K.'

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "I feel like Kissinger, the way I'm being guarded here," Shlomo Artzi, who will represent Israel at the Eurovision Song Festival in Stockholm tomorrow night, with his own song "At ve Ani" told his parents in a phone conversation from Stockholm.

Artzi said that he cannot move without a guard. However, all the participants of the Eurovision Festival are getting the same treatment, because leftist groups are planning protests against the "wastage" of large sums of money on the show.

Shlomo Artzi told his parents that he is in high spirits and optimistic. What bothers him more than the tight security is a slight cold which he hopes will disappear by tonight.

Ben-Shahar appointed TAU president

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University yesterday elected economist Prof. Haim Ben-Shahar as president in succession to Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, who has been appointed Head Scientist of the defence establishment. He takes over on June 1.

Ben-Shahar, 40, Israel-born, married with three children, recently became a public figure as chairman of the tax reform committee which bears his name. A graduate of the Hebrew University, he joined Tel Aviv University 10 years ago and was Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences (1968-1971) until taking over as director of the University's Foerder Institute for Economic Research.

The Board yesterday also elected Aharon Sacharov as chairman of the University's Executive Council. Sacharov, 58, served as acting chairman in place of Yehoshua Rabinowitz who resigned on being appointed Minister of Finance.

On Wednesday, the University awarded 25 memorial scholarships commemorating its teachers, staff and students who had fallen in battle. Families of the fallen took part in the ceremony.

H.U. Governors end session

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Board of the Hebrew University at the closing of it annual session yesterday, which also marked the 50th anniversary of the university, heard reports from the heads of the various faculties and schools. Law School dean Prof. Aharon Barak said that 40 per cent of the country's judges and 50 per cent of the law faculties at H.U. and Tel Aviv University are H.U. graduates.

The heads of the Dutch Friends of the Hebrew University, Alfred and Inge Nijkerk of Amsterdam, received honorary fellowships during a ceremony at Belgium House on the Givat Ram campus. Presenting the fellowship scroll H.U. resident Avraham Harman said that as non-Jews the Nijkerks were doing remarkable work for the university.

Walking round Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Haifa will tomorrow morning launch its weekly Saturday morning Tourist Stroll as part of a new programme of tourist activities inaugurated by the recently-formed Haifa Tourist Development Association.

The three-hour walk gets off the mark at 9.30 from the corner of Panorama and Halevanon streets, taking in the scenic route overlooking the Bay, the Bahai Temple and the Municipal Museum. The guide-conducted walk, including entrance to the museum, is free.

A police cadet and an officer remove a young woman demonstrator who had sat down in the driveway of the King David Hotel to prevent Dr. Kissinger's motorcade from passing. (IsraelSun)

First Circle women try to block Kissinger

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's police headquarters bustled yesterday morning with dozens of detained anti-Kissinger demonstrators — mothers and grandmothers who attempted to block the Secretary of State's limousine with their bodies, and a heterogeneous group who had made an abortive settlement bid in Sebastia the night before.

At 9.30, a moment before Dr. Kissinger was expected to leave for the Prime Minister's Office, 20 women of the "First Circle" against withdrawal from Abu Rodeis and the Sinai passes, assembled in the driveway of the King David Hotel. Crying out, "We don't want another Vietnam here," several of them sat down on the pavement and were removed quickly, but gently, by nearby policemen. The Secretary of State, en route downstairs from his sixth-floor suite, did not see or hear the demonstrators, but was reportedly told of the incident by his aides.

The women, carrying their placards and handbags, were brought by police van to the Russian Compound and interrogated in the detention room. "We are the wives of soldiers and we don't want the next war fought from a position of weakness ... We refuse to obey Kissinger's order like sheep," one woman said.

"He came out of Vietnam looking good, and now look what's happened to his peace-making," another protester noted.

Leaders of the "First Circle," a non-partisan ad hoc group of women who joined forces two weeks ago, promise further demonstrations against withdrawal from Sinai.

After being treated to halva and fruit juice by the police, and refusing to sign bonds, the women were released.

More than half of the 55 Sebastia settlers who had been arrested on Wednesday night were still being detained late yesterday because they refused to identify themselves to police. Women and teenagers were released during the day, despite statements to the press that they would not be deterred in their goal to settle Judea and Samaria. The demonstrators took part in a sometimes nasty confrontation on Wednesday with the army at the old railway station at Sebastia.

Assad raps K's shuttle

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

PARIS. — Syrian President Hafez el Assad went on French television last night to denounce Dr. Kissinger's latest Middle East shuttle as a venture which "can only lead to new divisions in the area."

Assad said in an interview filmed in Damascus: "Peace must not leave a people scattered outside their own land. Peace in this part of the world must set free the territories occupied in 1967 and restore the legitimate rights of the Palestinians. "Peace must not leave them as exiles from their own country."

Assad said the creation of a political and military command linking the Palestinians and Syria was designed to "strengthen Arab solidarity and unity." He added: "Each time we attain this objective we consider that we are coming closer to a just solution of our cause and to an honest peace.' '

Dwelling on Dr. Kissinger's mission, the Syrian leader said: "The step-by-step approach does not help towards peace. Indeed this is the purpose sought by this policy. The Americans know our viewpoint on this well. The step-by-step policy aims at creating new contradictions from which Israel will be able to benefit in order to pursue its occupation of Arab territory and to keep the Arab people of Palestine scattered."

In a veiled criticism of Egypt, Assad added: "Serious peace efforts must be the result of joint action. It is not possible for action by a sole party to lead to peace."

Assad denied that Syria was benefiting from a massive Soviet arms build-up and said weapons in Syria and Egypt were serving both countries. He said Soviet deliveries to Syria since the Yom Kippur War were far smaller that the increase in American weapon shipments to Israel which he claimed was being "submerged with arms."

SADAT CONSULTS

(Continued from Page One)

jected proposals that the area evacuated by Israel be placed under UN supervision.

- The implementation of the new agreement should begin immediately after it is signed by military officers representing both sides.

Egyptian President Sadat was yesterday quoted as saying that Kissinger's current moves for an interim settlement should be followed by the Geneva peace conference. Beirut's "Al-Hawadeth" weekly quoted Sadat as saying in an interview that the interim settlement was mainly aimed at defusing an explosive situation.

"It is intended to give momentum to the cause of peace," Sadat said, adding: "Once this step is accomplished, there will no room for waiting. We must all go to Geneva to discuss a comprehensive solution," in the presence of all parties including the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Sadat said that no Arab, Moslem or Christian, would make concessions over East Jerusalem, adding that in the case of the Holy City's internationalization "this should be for the whole of Jerusalem."

On his relations with Syria, Sadat said that had an understanding with President Hafez Assad that each side should maintain the freedom of action within the framework of Middle East moves. "As long as we are moving within the strategic framework we have chosen," Sadat was said to have told Assad "it is inevitable that both of us maintain a freedom of action."

Sadat confirmed for the first time that Egypt has recently received Soviet Mig 23 warplanes. He did not disclose figures, though American intelligence sources reported last month the first shipment to Egypt of six of these jets, known in Nato military parlance as "Flogger."

The Egyptian leader reiterated the claim that the Soviets were shipping arms supplies under old contracts signed before the 1973 war, and that Russian arms supplies are arriving in Egypt at a slow rate. They should have come 18 months ago, he added.

Sadat indicated that despite the recent improvement in Cairo-Moscow relations, the ties are far from firm. He said that the Soviets have even expressed fears that he was seeking to eliminate the Soviet presence in the Middle East. He denied wanting to do this, claiming, "Had I wanted to do so, I would have abrogated Egypt's 15-year treaty of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union," signed on May 1971.

"I neither abrogated the treaty nor cancelled the port facilities Egypt is extending to the Soviet navy, although I feel that this infringes on my country's independence," he added.

"My story with the Soviets is that they want to remain our guardians, but I told them that guardianship is finished," Sadat said.

Inquiry into deaths at Beilinson

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Ministry of Health has announced it will investigate findings on an outbreak of infection at Beilinson Hospital last January which may have contributed to the death of several patients.

The Hospital's Medical Director, Professor Andre deVries, said yesterday, "we are convinced that the infection was not the primary cause of their death." The patients affected were in a weakened state following operations. The outbreak, Professor deVries said, was quickly brought under control.

The outbreak was discovered, Prof. deVries said, by an epidemiology committee headed by Dr. Eliezer Henig. The committee's investigation revealed that a shipment of "sterile" surgical gloves from a local supplier were not in fact sterile. The gloves may have caused the epidemic.

Boy, 16, drowns in reservoir

HAIFA. — Navy frogmen were called in to pull out the body of a 16-year-old Haifa boy, who drowned in the Kfar Baruch reservoir near Migdal Ha'emek yesterday.

The boy arrived there in the afternoon together with a friend to do some fishing. Some time later he went for a dip in the lake. He got too far out and, unable to swim, he sank beneath the surface. His friend ran for the police who were not able to find the boy. They called in the navy men, who arrived by helicopter. The boy's name was not released for publication. *(Itim)*

Hula Textile workers strike over dismissal

KIRYAT SHMONA. — The 300 employees of the Hula Textile Plant here held a warning strike yesterday, authorized by the Labour Council. The strike was in protest against the dismissal of a long-term employee, Hananya Peretz, who had been suspended for a month by order of an arbitrator, after a run-in with the management.

The Council warned that if Peretz is not reinstated within a fortnight, a general strike would be called.

The factory is owned 74 per cent by the Histadrut, through its Ti-uss Company, with the remaining 26 per cent held by the Moller family of Nahariya.

CURRENCY IN circulation this week rose by IL99,073,724, to stand at approximately IL3,829m., the Bank of Israel spokesman announced, yesterday. Of this amount IL279m. was backed by gold and the remainder by foreign currency reserves.

Soccer players probed on bribes

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police late last night released three football players they had arrested earlier in the day on suspicion of accepting bribes, the Tel Aviv Police spokesman said. Chief Superintendent Moshe Sharf said a number of players had managed to flee after reports of the investigation were leaked out by non-police sources.

A massive police search is now under way. The police refuse to name suspects, but it is believed that further arrests might be made during the night.

In the evening, a Tel Aviv car dealer, active in sports circles, was taken into custody.

With only six weeks to go until the end of the football season, a detective agency retained by the Football Association presented the police this week with its findings, pointing to bribery offers and strong-arm methods on behalf of B'nei Yehuda, the Hatikva club fighting to avoid rel[egation].

In its last two game[s] Yehuda beat Jerusalem 1:0, and Tel Aviv Mac[cabi]

The detective agency's named five Tel Aviv players, who, they say, h[ad been] approached to "sell" last day's game at the Bl[oomfield] Stadium.

The report also refers [to a] game at the Hatikva two weeks ago, when sev[eral Je]rusalem Hapoel players [were at]tacked. It did not name [the as]saillants.

Tel Aviv Maccabi de[manded] that the F.A. void the r[esult of] its game with B'nei Yeh[uda]. F.A. decided to bring [in the] police instead of calling [a dis]ciplinary hearing.

The F.A. spokesman, [...] Erel, said yesterday that [the de]tective agency's findings [referred] only to the two games [with] B'nei Yehuda.

5 held as part of international smuggling ring

TEL AVIV. — Five persons suspected of membership in an international gold and jewellery smuggling ring were remanded in custody by the Magistrate's Court here yesterday, following the arrest of a Swiss tourist allegedly in the possession of suitcases full of watches and gold ingots worth IL1m. Among those arrested are a Customs inspector and his wife.

Police claim that Erica Anne-Marie Fahir, 25, arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport with five suitcases and passed through Customs without inspection. When she was stopped by police, her suitcases turned out to contain 770 wristwatches and 21 one-kilogram gold ingots. The police investigator claimed the woman had on four previous occasions smuggled goods into Israel for an international ring. The suspect, remanded in custody for 15 days, claimed she had been unaware of the contents of the suitcases.

A customs officer, Ya'acov Finkelstein, allegedly permitted members of the smuggling ring to pass without a customs check after receiving a signal from the smuggler. He is being held for 10 days' investigation, while his wife, allegedly a contact for the ring, was remanded for a shorter period.

Also held for investigation are a Ramat Gan woman, Anna Frankel, 45, suspected of receiving the goods dispatched with a "messenger" by her husband in Canada and passing them on to "fences" in this country. Police are also questioning a diamond merchant, Moshe Horowitz, after finding in his Ramat Gan office gold jewellery which had apparently been smuggled in.

Police suspect the ring's headquarters are in Montreal. *(Itim)*

Sugar-the[ft] lorry caug[ht]

Jerusalem Post Repo[rter]

TEL AVIV. — Police foiled an attempt to ste[al a] load of sugar, one of se[veral simi]lar thefts recently.

Police in a patrol car [spotted a] suspicious-looking truck [in Ramat] Gan in the early hours o[f the] morning. Flagged dow[n by the] policemen, the truck dr[iver speeded] up speed. Seeing that [he would] not be able to evade hi[s pursuers] the driver jumped off [the] vehicle.

A policeman stopped t[he] truck by jumping onto [it from the] patrol car. The driver esc[aped in the] confusion.

It was later discovere[d that the] truck had been stolen [in the] Eliahu quarter earlier in [the night]. It was then driven to [...] where 58 sacks of su[gar] from another truck, w[ere loaded] onto the first truck.

A MASKED, ARMED b[andit last] night stole IL2,000 from [a super]market on Rehov Brodet[sky, Tel] Aviv. A passer-by noted [the] number of the getaway [car, which] police said was stolen.

Air Force to [stress] training effo[rt]

The Israel Air Force [will con]tinue to place its stress [on] quality in the years a[head], Air Force, Aluf Binyai[min Peled] said yesterday at a parade of new flying off[icers at a] base somewhere in Isra[el].

He said the Air Fo[rce would] spare no effort in [...] fighting crews, who [...] basis of the IAF's super[iority].

Eliav says he plans to quit Lab[our]

Arie Eliav (Rubinger)

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Arye (Lova) Eliav has informed fellow Labour Knesset Members that he intends leaving the Party soon and will form a one-man faction when the House reconvenes after the Pessah recess.

This was confirmed by a number of MKs yesterday in the wake of Eliav's vote on Wednesday against the Labour whip in the Knesset division on the party consolidation debt loan. He reportedly told Government whip Moshe Wertman, "I'm already out of your orbit." However, he told reporters yesterday that he had not formally advised Wertman that he was leaving the party, and that he would consult with his supporters before taking any further steps.

According to the Labour Party constitution, his breach of faction discipline could automatically empower the party members' honour court to expel him. But [...] has been quoted as sa[ying he] will not give him the [...] becoming a martyr."

Eliav has been acting [as an in]dependent MK ever since [his election] to the Knesset on the Lab[our align]ment ticket in Decem[ber 1973]. Over a year ago, he vot[ed against] the budget estimates of [the] Meir Government. Ever[...] has frequently threatened [...] charging time and agai[n that there was] no air to breathe in this [party].

But no one in the pa[rty seems eager] to push him out, large[ly out of] rueful affection for [the former] party secretary-general.

A practical reason for not taking any moves ag[ainst Eliav] right now is because it m[ight lead to] a demand for punitive [action] against another three [MKs] who stayed away from [the conso]lidation debt loan vote. [...] Knesset Security and F[oreign Af]fairs Committee Chairma[n Yitzhak] Navon, Deputy Chairma[n ...] Carmel and another Lab[our mave]rick — Yitzhak Ben-Aha[ron], the last named boasted [of his ab]sence, saying he would [...] rather than vote.

Eliav is quoted as seekin[g to form] a two-member faction wi[th Herut] independent Dr. Biny[amin Ha]levi. Dr. Halevi told this [reporter] last night that Eliav had [never spoken] to him of such an idea. [...] recent contact had been w[hen Eliav] coopted him onto the Pu[blic Coun]cil for the Underprivilege[d headed] by Dr. Israel Katz. Apart [from a] joint call for national uni[ty some time] ago, they had little in [common], Dr. Halevi said. It was [his under]standing that Eliav sought [a broad]er political basis which [would in]clude Shulamit Aloni's Ci[vil Rights] Movement and Meir Pa'il['s] half of Moked.

MK quits Soviet amity group

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hillel Seidel, MK, (ILP) has resigned from the committee for improving relations with the USSR in protest against a Rakah Communist Party attack on the late Aluf-Mishne Uzi Yairi, killed by terrorists in the Savoy Hotel.

The Party's Arabic organ, "Al-Ittihad," wrote about Yairi under the headline: "The Mark of Cain," and condemned his initative in attacking the terrorists, who held hostages in the hotel a fortnight ago.

This, combined with the fact that the Soviet Union did not condemn the terrorist murders at the hotel, made it possible for him to serve on this committee, Seidel said.

MONEY WILL BE no object when plans are launched to increase education projects for Diaspora Jewry, Jewish Agency chairman Pinhas Sapir told the Knesset Education Committee yesterday.

Begin urges: No peace, no withdrawal

TEL AVIV. — Likud opposition leader Menahem Begin, MK, yesterday warned against any Israel withdrawal in Sinai unless Egypt ends its state of belligerency. Speaking to the Israel-American Chamber of Commerce here, he claimed that never in history had a country voluntarily given up its defence positions while its enemies were still waging war against it.

"We must explain this to the U.S. and to others, "especially in view of what has happened in other countries after Dr. Kissinger's mediations," he said. *(Itim)*

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Wildcat strike ties up Ashkelon oil terminal

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SHKELON. — The Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline's export outlet here was ralysed yesterday by the wild-t strike of the company's 86 ooring men. The strike, unantho-ed by the local Labour Council, as called on Wednesday night in otest at the dismissal of eight en and the proposed transfer of e others to other departments.

The company says these economy easures were necessitated by the astic reduction in tonnage hand-l by the company, caused by the rld drop in oil consumption be-use of high prices and general onomic slowdown.

The pipeline's managing director, uf (res.) Avraham Botzer, told porters yesterday that since only e-fifth of the oil pumped up here required for domestic consump-n, economy measures were man-tory. He said the Ashkelon bour Council had agreed to the missal of 13 workers, five of om be employed in other depart-nts.

Mr. Botzer explained that most the company's 280 employees uld have to be retained, regard-s of whether the pipeline was erating at capacity, to maintain operate the line pumps and er equipment. But part of the thing staff could easily be dis-sed with.

He said the company had during five years of its existence en-ed certain economic advantages ked to Israel's favourable geo-aphical location. But these advantages could be largely eliminated with the opening of the Suez Canal, and the company would have to improve its efficiency to survive. The decline in oil traffic would already be evident in this year's balance sheet he said. A sizable deficit is expected following several lush years. Last year's profit was more than $20m.

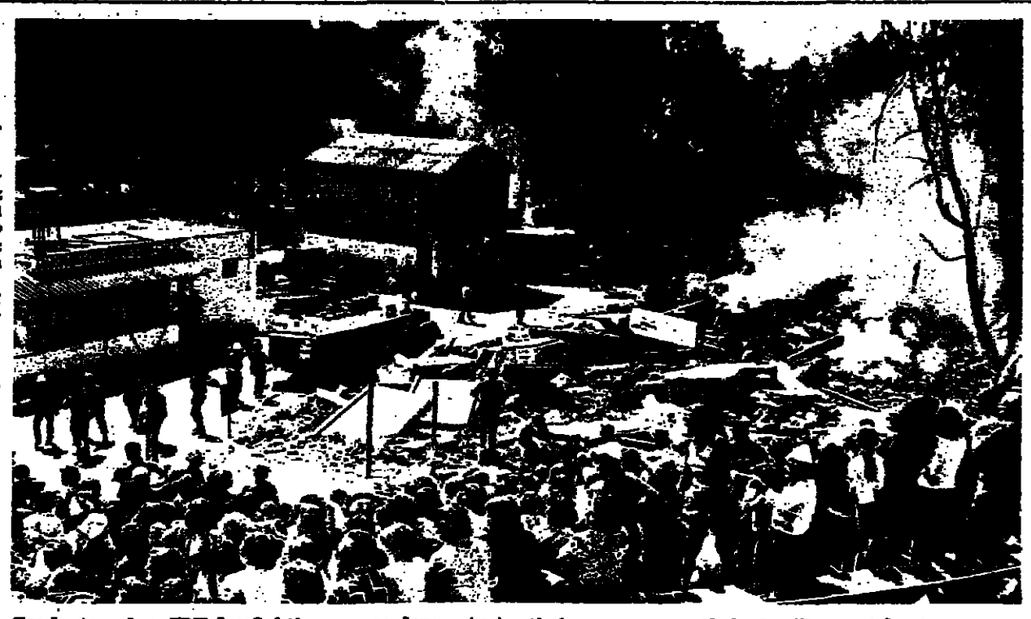
The mooring men are among the best paid in the company, grossing IL5,000-6,000, a month, including a guaranteed number of overtime hours, the manager said.

"These are not seamen," the former O.C. Navy added, claiming that it would take him exactly two hours to teach the newsmen present how to tie up a ship — all that was required of the men. Asked how the strikers had succeeded in securing such high salaries, Mr. Botzer replied: "Pressure."

Ya'acov Friedler adds from Haifa: The strike is backed by the Seamen's Union. The Union spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that the mooring men's committee had consulted the secretary of the Deck Hands' Division, Moshe Levi, before going out on strike.

He noted that when the men had threatened to strike last month, a committee was set up to study the issue, and both sides had agreed to refrain from action (dismissals or strikes) pending its ruling. The management had violated the agreement by the dismissals, he charged.

The Union claims to represent the men, who have joined it, despite the Histadrut's ruling that the men come under the jurisdiction of the Ashkelon Labour Council.



Graduates of an IDF fire-fighting course demonstrate their prowess as their families watch at an army base yesterday. O.C. Haga (civil defence) Tat-Aluf Yitzhak Zaid, whose men also participated in the course, said a large amount of new civil defence equipment had been integrated into the corps during the past year. (Ippa)

Knesset accepts demise of Information Ministry

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Information faded out of existence yesterday.

Its long-expected demise became official as the Knesset approved "A Government statement concerning transfer of certain activities from one ministry to another, and transfer of responsibilities from one Minister to another..."

Speaking for the Government, Justice Minister Haim Zadok told the House:

- The Government Press Office, the agencies dealing with foreign newsmen, the newly-created Israel News Service and the information-coordinating office, will be placed in the Prime Minister's Office.
- The Information Centre and the Film Service will go to the Ministry of Education and Culture.
- The Israel Publications Office, the Division of Foreign Visitors, the Film and Television Distribution Unit, the Information Training Centre, the International Exhibitions Unit and the Press Review and Feature Service — all of these will now be within the purview of the Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Zadok explained that the redistribution of functions will take effect April 1 and place responsibility for local information with the Education Ministry, international promotion in the hands of the Foreign Affairs Ministry and overall coordination into the Office of Prime Minister.

Hillel Zeidel (ILP) immediately attacked the dissolution of the Information Ministry, saying, "Amid the failure of our information campaign all through the years this — the abolition of the Information Ministry — is the greatest error of all.

Rabbi Yehuda Meir Abramowitz (Tora Front) welcomed the departure of the Information Ministry, saying it never should have been set up in the first place. He called on the Information Centre to disseminate more religious data among Israel's youth and assailed the television for leading people to tolerate crime and violence.

The Likud-Herut's Yitzhak Shamir took the opportunity to attack the Government for barring settlement attempts in Judea and Samaria. He asked, 'How does the Government propose to tell the world about its ruthless trampling on those brave, selfless young *halutzim* who wish to establish a Jewish presence there, by creating confrontations between them and Israel soldiers?"

Ehud Olmert (Likud-Free Centre) said, "The Information Ministry had been born in unfortunate circumstances and had died a justified death."

According to Yedidia Be'eri (Likud-Liberals), the abolition of the Information Ministry was an error, since pleading the case of Israel abroad was very important. He said the current erosion of support for Israel throughout the world was due to the line the Government's propaganda campaign had taken until now.

CRM's Shulamit Aloni claimed that Aharon Yariv, whose resignation as Information Minister led to the Ministry's dissolution, had been given fewer responsibilities and less information than the Prime Minister's public relations aide." As a result, she added, "the public is now exposed to hearsay and guesses, fears and emotions instead of rational information about the Government's position on crucial matters."

The Knesset also approved the Government's assignment of Agriculture Minister Aharon Uzan to assume the Communications Ministry portfolio as well. That position had been officially held by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin since he entered office.

Zim loan must await new balance sheet

Zim shipping lines' request from the Knesset Finance Committee for a State guarantee for a $25.6m. loan will not be considered on the basis of the 1973 balance sheet signed by former director-general Michael Tsur, but only on the basis of 1974 accounts signed by the new management. Committee chairman Yisrael Kargman said this yesterday, in reply to Adi Amorai (Alignment).

urn of Jordan, Saudi Arabia would come next

PLO foothold here not in U.S. interest, Tekoah says

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ERSHEBA. — The newly-elected sident of Ben-Gurion University, ef Tekoah, said here on Wed-day that it was in the U.S.'s geopolitical interest to support trong and independent Israel. If PLO were to get a foothold in ael, it would immediately become Soviet base, he explained, be-se ideologically the PLO belongs he Communist camp.

he former Ambassador to the J. was speaking to students and ulty members at a question-and-wer session here.

he first thing the PLO would after it established itself in this ion, Mr. Tekoah went on to ex-in, would be to seize power in dan and bring it into the Soviet p, just as Iraq and Syria are y. Inevitably, Saudi Arabia's would come next, and the U.S. Western Europe would then e to negotiate with the Russians oil.

upporting the Government's pro-t stand as "realistic," Tekoah d: "If we find that we cannot ieve peace now, then we must n time to become even stronger, obtain more arms and improve our internal organisation. The present Government is carrying out a realistic policy and is not misleading the people."

In Mr. Tekoah's opinion, one of Israel's weakest points was in the field of information, which needs reorganizing, "and it is not important which Ministry is responsible for it." He said it is more important for Israel to appear in the press, radio and television — which reach millions — than "to publish pretty pamphlets that are read by a few thousand at most."

But Israel's greatest failure was in neglecting the Jewish youth in America, the former ambassador said. "We maintained direct contact with the Jewish leadership, by-passing the youth. The direct result was that the youth took to the barricades—on behalf of the Negroes and against the war in Vietnam—and were lost to us."

Stressing that while he considered the financial contributions of U.S. Jewry as essential, there was nevertheless a vacuum to be filled among the youth.

Arab students at Technion refuse hostel guard duties

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The "idyllic" relations between Jewish and Arab students at the Technion have been somewhat upset over the latters' refusal to take part in armed guard duties at the students' hostel on the campus, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday. About 40 of the some 150 Arab students at the Technion live in the hostels.

The chairman of the Technion Students Union, Ya'acov Drori, said that when the Union recently decided to make armed guard duty at the hostels obligatory for all students living in them, the question came up of those who had not served in the Army, and therefore did not know how to use automatic rifles. As this would have disqualified recent immigrants as well as Arab students, the Union decided to follow the example of the Civil Guard, and arrange for weapons instruction.

The committee of the Arab students, which represents them on certain issues only, as Arab students are members of the general Union, then announced that it would not permit Arab students to join the guard. The committee reportedly argued that by going on guard duty Arab students would release soldiers who might otherwise have had to guard the hostels and thus free them for other duties "which might include raids into southern Lebanon," to which they objected. Furthermore by joining the armed guard, they might be establishing a precedent which could lead to Arabs being called up for guard duty on the borders too.

Drori said the Union decided against passing a resolution that any student refusing to guard the hostels could not live in them, which would have excluded the Arab students. "We agreed that their committee's decision must be seen in the light of the overall situation of the Arabs in Israel, of which they are part and by which they are influenced," Drori said.

Noting that all Arab students take part in the students' bag-checking security duties at the entrance to the faculties, and, as their committee pointed out apart from the armed guard issue, Jewish-Arab relations on the campus were "idyllic," the Union decided to exempt them from the hostel duties. However, Arab students would be obliged to do some form of alternate voluntary work in the hostels, such as running the hostel club, Drori said.

Students yield subsidy to needy

The National Student Association has decided to forgo an increase in the subsidy students receive from the Government for public transport costs. The association's chairman, Hanan Ben-Yehuda, announced the decision yesterday in a letter to Education Minister Aharon Yadlin.

The students asked the Minister to channel the funds instead into programmes of education and culture for the disadvantaged. Mr. Yadlin estimated the sum to be about IL2m.

Though the subsidy will not increase, students will continue to enjoy their current reduction of 10 per cent for urban travel and 20 per cent on interurban routes.

Tax reform plan to Cabinet

By MORDECHAI ERANN
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Ben-Shahar Committee's recommendations for income tax reform are to be presented to the Cabinet for its approval as a "package" on Sunday.

Although some Treasury officials feel there are some segments of the Ben-Shahar report which were inadequately worded, the reform scheme as a whole will be tabled for approval as "a framework proposal." Amendments resulting from talks with the Histadrut or the employers can be inserted at a later stage, but before the appropriate legislation goes before the Knesset.

The State Revenue Administration, meanwhile, has appointed teams to prepare various aspects of the reform. These teams will formulate the draft bills, and will deal with such matters as reorganization of collections, data processing changes, and explaining the reform to the public.

These teams will report to a Treasury reform committee within two weeks, and the draft bill will be readied for tabling as soon as the Knesset reconvenes after its Pessah recess. The officials are optimistic on the feasibility of effecting the tax reform by July, as promised.

Two of the main possible hitches are the fear that loss of revenues would be greater than the IL1,500m. forecast by the Ben-Shahar Committee; and the opposition expected from a number of employees' groups, to tax on benefits which were exempt until now. Another possible hitch is inability on the Knesset's part to complete the legislative process so quickly. Presumably, the tax reform will be given priority over most other issues — but the Knesset Finance Committee, for example, has been so weighed down with work, that its chairman has considered asking the members to sit for two sessions a day.

The draft bill on Value Added Tax, which has been readied by the Treasury, also has to be tabled before the Knesset, as soon as the Justice Ministry completes its examination. This is also expected to take place immediately after the Pessah recess.

Rabin backs Gur after 'aspersions'

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday replied to reports that several Cabinet members are severely critical of Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur's behaviour. Speaking at yesterday's extraordinary session of the Cabinet, Mr. Rabin said the reports had caused him "great distress."

He said they were "without foundation, irresponsible and liable to harm the Chief of Staff personally and in the fulfilment of his task."

"Ha'aretz" on Tuesday said that Ministers had termed Gur's manner at Cabinet meetings "arrogant." The paper also quoted sources saying Gur also adopted this manner at the talks with Dr. Kissinger.

Mr. Rabin, whose remarks were issued by the Government Press Office, said: "Whenever the Chief of Staff is invited to participate in deligerations of the Cabinet, he brings before it reliable reports and carefully-weighed evaluations and recommendations as befitting a person with so high a level of command and responsibility. I utterly and absolutely reject the aspersions cast on Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur in these reports."

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it EDUCATION GAP IS NARROWING

he proportion of children of an and North African origin ing the *bagrut* exam has almost bled since 1968, the Education istry has announced.

uch children now make up 23.8 cent of all childrens receiving *bagrut* certificate, up from just per cent in 1968, the Ministry kesman said. Their proportion of university students has also in-ased in the past two years, from 13.7 per cent two years ago to 15.4 per cent today.

A Ministry survey of the educational reform showed that these children performed considerably better in those schools where there are a large percentage of children of Western origin than in schools where there are mostly or only children of Oriental origin.

Public still cinema-mad

Jerusalem Post Reporter

espite recurring reports of clo-of cinemas, Israelis last year t to the movies six per cent e often than in 1973. And cine-owners took in 30 per cent more nue (in current prices.) ah recess.

eporting on its annual survey cinema tickets sold, the Central eau of Statistics said about 32 ion were purchased. On the age, the bureau believes, Israelis e the age of five went to the ies 11 times last year.

hile movie attendance as a le increased, visits to theatres sing Israeli-produced films drew two million moviegoers — a of 34 per cent from the 1973 re.

he average price of a movie et rose by 23 per cent from to last year — from IL3.40 to 18.

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'SAIGON WON'T REGAIN LAND IT HAS LOST'

WASHINGTON. — The South Vietnamese probably will never reclaim control of the territory abandoned to the Communists this week, military and diplomatic sources said yesterday.

At best, according to the sources, President Nguyen Van Thieu's troops may retain control of their coastal and Mekong Delta urban bastions.

The sources described American officials as gloomy. They said the Saigon Government pullback from the Central Highlands and other strategic areas this week has been worse than the most pessimistic Washington forecast of last week.

One key to the Washington gloom is that Thieu ordered what can at best be described as his 'strategic withdrawal" in secret and apparently with no consultation with American officials, sources said.

In Washington Senator Jacob Javits said yesterday Congress is on the verge of a decision "that we've had it" in Indochina.

Opposing Administration requests for $300m. in additional military aid for South Vietnam, Javits conceded that Congress will have to bear the responsibility.

Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott separately decried what he called the "rise in neo-isolationism" and said "we will certainly pay some severe penalties." The penalties, he said, included loss of confidence in the U.S.

Asked if the loss of South Vietnamese provinces could be blamed on congressional cutbacks in military aid, Scott said he would leave it to history "to show who believed the U.S. had further obligations and who didn't." *(UPI, AP)*

Fear of Indochina collapse stalks Southeastern Asia

BANGKOK (Reuter). — The critical plight of Phnom Penh, and the large-scale military withdrawals forced on government troops in South Vietnam have sent ripples of tension through several countries in Southeast Asia.

To Thailand, the gradual insurgent takeover of neighbouring Cambodia spells a long-term threat.

And in Malaysia, where there was a fullscale Communist insurrection from 1948 to 1960, developments in Cambodia and Vietnam are viewed with genuine concern.

Some authorities privately fear the possibility of a new infusion of life into the now flagging and scattered Communist movement in Malaysia.

But Malaysian officials believe the problems involving Cambodia and South Vietnam are ones which only their own peoples can resolve, and without outside interference.

In the Philippines, the government does not subscribe fully to the "domino theory" on Indochina — the fall of one country leading to the fall of the neighbouring country — but appears concerned about U.S. wavering on further assistance for countries it was committed to help.

This is the gist of unofficial comments by highly authoritative sources in the three countries. No government has made any recent official statements on American aid or the domino theory.

For Thailand's 40 million people, traditionally adaptable to all comers, a Communist Cambodia is seen as a direct long-term threat.

Troops along the 640 km. border with Cambodia have been reinforced and officials predict a further flow of refugees across the frontier if Cambodia comes under insurgent rule.

Thailand would like to see neutral, independent states along its eastern borders as a buffer between itself and the Vietnamese. And the insurgent pressure on Phnom Penh has sparked statements of concern by politicians of all shades.

The Thai Government has promised to continue efforts started over the past year to have "constructive contacts" with Hanoi, and to open diplomatic relations with Peking.

The remaining 25,000 U.S. troops, stationed at four bases in Thailand, will be withdrawn within a year, according to a government policy statement.

But with one eye on the Indochina situation, the statement added a rider: "...Taking into account the situation in this region" — allowing a rephasing or postponement of the pullout.

Malaysians generally do not subscribe to the domino theory. They believe that whoever takes control of Cambodia must of necessity want to live in peace in order to rebuild the nation's shattered economy.

It is basically this reasoning which leads officials in the capital, Kuala Lumpur, to believe that as soon as countries in the area put their own houses in order, neutrality can be phased in.

Despite their private fears of a morale boost for the Malaysian Communists, they believe that as long as there is no direct injection of men and material from outside, each country in the region should be able to handle its own Communist problem.

In the Philippines, one high sources said the domino theory could not apply to his country, which is separated from the Asian continent by the South China Sea.

His feeling is that being an archipelago, the Philippines has a natural protective barrier in the ocean, and any Communist encroachment would have to come from within.

The sources said there was no danger of Communist subversion successfully overthrowing the government in the Philippines.

But an authoritative source said the Philippines was deeply concerned about the outcome of the fighting in Cambodia and Vietnam, and added that all Southeast Asian countries would have to go through a complete reassessment if the Thieu Government in South Vietnam and the Lon Nol Government in Cambodia fall.

Nancy Kissinger at the Western Wall. (Rubinger)

Nancy warms to Israel; Egypt leaves her cold

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Nancy Kissinger is positively "emotional" about Israel, but is not particularly turned on by Egypt.

This is what she told CBS correspondent Marvin Kalb in one of her rare interviews, published in the April edition of "Ladies' Home Journal."

"Everyone who goes to Israel feels an emotional experience," the Secretary of State's wife said. "It is a very impressive place. The people are highly intelligent. They combine the gifts of the American frontiersman with the sophistication and intellect of centuries of culture."

On the other hand, Kalb pointed out that she had gotten sick in Egypt during one of the Secretary's recent shuttle visits and "she never seemed particularly turned on by Egypt."

Kalb, who has accompanied the Kissingers on their visits to Egypt, said that Nancy "seemed less interested in Egypt's present than its past, especially the 'incredible sight' of the ancient ruin of Abu Simbel on the banks of the Upper Nile..."

Although Kalb does not report on Nancy's impressions of Syria, it is well-known among Washington journalists that she similarly is not very fond of that Arab country. Insiders insist that this is one of the reasons why the Kissinger party hardly ever remains overnight in Damascus, usually returning to Israel instead.

The Kalb interview with Nancy includes several other revelations:

"Nancy says that her husband "probably has less ambition than anyone I've ever known in my life." She explains that "most of what's happened to him has been by happenstance. He was sort of quietly sitting there, writing his books, working away, when Nixon selected him for this job. I don't think it ever dawned on him. He was an immigrant to this country. Immigrants don't think of themselves at Cabinet level. They dream of themselves as doctors and lawyers and professors, not as secretaries of state."

She says that Kissinger's parents did not attend her wedding last year because it was a long drive from New York to Washington, and "Henry's father is in his late eighties."

Earlier it had been reported that Kissinger's parents had not attended the wedding because Nancy is not Jewish and/or because it took place on a Saturday, and they are Orthodox. Kalb adds that Nancy's explanation was "diplomatic."

Nancy believes that she has made a big difference to Henry by accompanying him on those long journeys abroad. She is with him now on his current Middle East shuttle.

"There's no doubt about it," she said, "anyone who's working hard all day, under constant tension, like Henry during these trips — to have someone from his own family, someone he can come home to, someone he can totally relax with, that's so important. Even in a hotel room, even if he doesn't want to say anything, just to know someone is there. It's so very important."

When she does not join him on foreign trips, "he's very considerate... He always writes when he is on a trip, and he always calls. And when he comes back, he always brings me something. It doesn't matter what. He is really a very considerate man."

'North Korea building invasion tunnel'

PANMUNJOM, Korea (Reuter). — The U.S.-led United Nations Command and South Korea yesterday accused North Korea of digging infiltration tunnels into the south, big enough for vehicles and large bodies of troops to pass through rapidly.

South Korean Defence Minister Suh Jyong-Chul said North Korea aimed to use the tunnels for a planned invasion in October. If completed the tunnels would be big enough for a division of troops, plus vehicles and artillery, to pass through in an hour, he said.

North Korea, through its representative at the Panmunjom Armistice Commission, rejected the charges as "nonsense," and countercharged that South Korea was digging tunnels itself.

U.S. Navy Rear-Admiral Henry Morgan, the chief U.N. Command armistice officer, protested that North Korea was building two tunnels across the demilitarized zone in its western and central sectors. These were in addition to a tunnel discovered by South Korea in the central western sector last November.

TRACK. — A U.S. track and field team will tour China May 15-30, for a series of "friendly" meets and exhibitions.

Four charged in Israel travel fraud case

NEW YORK (AP). — A grand jury in Brooklyn charged four men with fraud yesterday in connection with three charter flights to Israel that left 540 persons stranded in Europe and New York.

The four, according to the indictment, operated the Travel Corporation of Brooklyn in the summer of 1972, and ran three charter flights to Israel.

Passengers were later stranded in London and Amsterdam, and one flight never even left here, the indictment said, because the travel agency "never gave the airline enough money to cover the flights."

Indicted on fraud charges were Henry Herbst, 24, Laza Hoffman, 28, Meir Perlstein, 32, all of Brooklyn, and Baruch Weider, 61, alleged mastermind of the scheme who was believed to be in Europe.

District Attorney Eugene Gold said about 540 passengers had paid $419 per round trip ticket. He could not estimate how much money it cost them to provide their own additional transportation from London and Amsterdam.

May 10 decision in Cairo trial of 92 'fanatics'

CAIRO (Reuter). — Egypt's Supreme State Security Court will hand down its judgment on May 10 against 92 persons charged with plotting to overthrow President Sadat last April, the court president announced yesterday.

The prosecution has demanded the death sentence for 74 of those on trial.

All of the accused, who have beards and are mainly university students, have been described as Moslem fanatics who want to turn Egypt into a strict Islamic state.

The defence ended its plea yesterday in answer to prosecution charges that the accused took part in a raid on Cairo's military technical academy last April, killing 11 people and wounding 27.

The men on trial allegedly attempted to seize arms from the academy to force Sadat to resign.

All the accused denied attacking the academy and accusations of conspiracy or murder, and described the three court judges as "heathens." The trial opened last November.

Portuguese electio set back two week

LISBON.—The ruling Army Revolutionary Council late on Wednesday night finally postponed the scheduled April 12 elections, ostensibly because the similarity of the emblems of four of the contending parties had caused confusion. This after repeated denials that the elections were to be postponed.

A statement by the Council said the elections would be put back by two weeks so that the nation will now go to the polls April 25 — the anniversary of the military takeover. Campaigning due to begin yesterday was postponed until April 2.

The statement said the four parties would have eight days to change their emblems. All feature either the clenched fist salute or a hammer and sickle.

Politicians said the real reason for the postponement could be the failure of the Council to agree on a new radicalized cabinet lineup.

Prime Minister Vasco Goncalves set a deadline on Saturday for the resignation of the new cabinet and a new one yesterday but no official announcement has been made.

Earlier in an apparent attempt to present an atmosphere of normality the government announced that the military alert maintained since an abortive coup attempt 10 days ago has been called off.

The Communist Party yesterday called for monitoring of news dispatches leaving Portugal after suggesting that the foreign press bore some responsibility for last week's military uprising.

The column-long attack against the foreign press came in the Communists' weekly newspaper "Avante."

"Avante" said certain news agencies were carrying out in Portugal activities that had forced Cuban leader Fidel Castro, the late Chilean President Salvador Allende and Peruvian President Velasco Alvarado to "take adequate measur vent their conspiratorial a mining activities."

The Communist Party shifted its attack against tive groups to the libera Democratic Party, callin expulsion from the new co binet being formed by Pri ter Goncalves. *(UP,*

Former Loy fighters m get pensio

MADRID (UPI). — Afte of waiting, disabled veter Republican side in the civil war may at long l state pension.

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According to press re than 10,000 disabled Loy rans are still alive in Sp of them have been e street vendors, or even because the Cortes had rejected all moves to e pension scheme for Natio invalids to cover Repu well.

The issue was succes vived by Malaga deputy ralta who got 40 Cortes to co-sign a motion calli Government "to take quately of all the Span were disabled during, or sult of, the past conflict not able to win recognit invalids."

Under Spanish par procedure, the Governme take up the matter and legislation it deems nece

ANTI-BOYCOTT BI SUBMITTED IN HOU

WASHINGTON (JTA). — Legislation was introduced yesterday in the House of Representatives that would impose criminal and civil penalties on American participants in the Arab boycotts or on those who initiate them.

Rep. Peter Rodino (D.N.J.) chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D.N.Y.), who tabled the bill, said it was "intended to preserve the constitutional right of all Americans to be free of racial and religious discrimination." Rodino said his committee would hold hearing "to explore all the ramifications of the question this legislation addresses."

The legislation would make a company liable for up to $1m. in fines, and company officials would be subject to imprisonment and fines up to $100,000, for any effort to organize an illegal boycott. Any company that cooperated with, or participated in, an illegal boycott would be liable to $500,000 in fines, and its officials liable to fines of up to $50,000. In addition, any person or company hurt by an illegal boycott could bring federal court action for damages against the company instigating ott.

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Dayan confers Thai Chief of

BANGKOK (AP). — D fence Minister Moshe D with Thailand's Supreme er of the Armed Forces Sivara, yesterday here Bangkok for a sightsee a northern province. De 40-minute meeting betwe men were not available tely. But Thai military s Gen. Kris briefed Day military situation in Car Thailand's relations to the war.

Dayan arrived in Bu Wednesday night for a p vate visit to Thailand. to talk with newsmen. dozen Thai and Israel guards have been follow since he arrived here.

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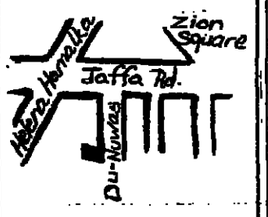

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'Moscow was warned of Arab attack in '73'

By K. C. THALER

LONDON (UPI). — The Soviet Union had advance warning of the opening of the Arab attack on Israel in the Yom Kippur War, the International Institute for Strategic Studies said yesterday.

"How else can the timely departure of Soviet families from Cairo on Friday, October 5, 1973 be explained?" the institute said in a study on the lessons of the war.

In Syria, Soviet officers and soldiers were distributed among the Syrian field force as advisory teams, and preparations could not have been hidden from them, the study added.

Russia did not inform the U.S. at the time of the impending attack, nor even hint at the threat of imminent war.

The war offered Russia an opportunity to test her advanced weapons much more widely than was the case in Indochina, the study said.

Egypt was at the time short of spares for its weapons and a wide range of ammunition. President Sadat, therefore, either made prior consultations or assumed Russia would supply whatever he needed, the study said.

The institute, founded in 1958 as a study centre for defence problems, said this process suggested Soviet willingness to put many secrets of its military technology at risk of capture.

"By way of compensation the Soviet defence industry and forces had an opportunity to test the efficiency of their technical doctrine and hardware much more widely than conditions had permitted in Indochina."

By the same token Israel — and hence the U.S. — gained firsthand knowledge and experience of some of Moscow's advanced weaponry.

The Russians tested the efficiency of the Sam 6 ground-to-air missile in combination with the shoulder-launched Sam 7 missile and air defence cannon.

The vindication of her air defence concept must, in the assessment of the institute, be counted by the Soviet Union as a substantial advantage to set against the loss through capture by the Israelis of a complete ZSU23 quadruple-barrelled cannon system.

Other important items captured and thus revealed to Israel and the U.S. are the T62 tank, never previously committed to combat, and the wire-guided anti-tank missile known as Sagger.

Both revealed their advantages and weaknesses, of which there are several.

The lesson drawn by the study is that on the ground and in the air the advent of the missile suggests "the days of the main battle tank and warplane may be ending and the superiority of the offensive may be declining in favour of the defensive."

On present dispositions, these developments and findings favour Israel as much, if not more than the Arabs, with Israel still holding the essential ground on the Golan Heights and a huge buffer zone in the Sinai desert, the institute said.

S. African coloureds to demand direct voice

JOHANNESBURG (UPI). — Coloured voters yesterday gave their elected members a mandate to confront Prime Minister John Vorster with demands for direct representation in South Africa's all-white Parliament.

In the first elections since 1969 for the Coloured Representative Council (CRC), voters handed a clear victory to the Labour Party whose candidates pledged to dissolve the Council, which is limited to determining community matters.

Vorster had undertaken to widen the council's powers because the two million Coloureds (South Africans of mixed blood) have no "homeland" like that in which the nation's 17 million Blacks ultimately will gain political independence. There are four million whites.

Voting indicated the Labour Party of Sonny Leon would increase its lead over the Federal Party, led by Jack Rable, whose policy was "to use the apartheid machine to smash apartheid," working meanwhile through the council.

Until 1948, South Africa's Coloureds voted in general elections to the white Parliament, but when the National Party came to power it disenfranchised the coloured community under the racial apartheid programme. The National Party has held power continuously since then and in last year's elections increased its majority.

Government legislation introduced this week seeks to give the Minister for Coloured Affairs power to take over the CRC, a move newspapers said was designed to anticipate a Labour victory in the coloured elections and counter the Labour's plans to scrap the Council.

SHEAR AND SHEAR ALIKE.—These women held a press conference in Oakland recently in a demonstration of women's liberation. More than 500 women from Synanon communities throughout California shaved their heads to symbolize acceptance of an equal responsibility with men for the management and operation of the Synanon foundation, dedicated to the re-education of drug addicts, juvenile delinquents and other troubled people. (UPI)

1st Lt. keeps his hair on — outside the U.S. Army

FRANKFURT (AP). — The U.S. Army yesterday dropped charges against a first lieutenant who refused to obey an order to cut his long hair.

The army said it called off the trial of 1st Lt. Matthew R. Carroll, 27, after he offered to leave the service on an honourable discharge.

The army also agreed to give him $3,600 severance pay and let him continue to wear his hair long during the three weeks he is being processed out of uniform.

"It's a very great personal victory," Carroll told reporters. "The haircut question has not been answered, but I've done everything I can do except to go to jail."

A number of young G.I.'s in West Germany who also refused to get haircuts have been convicted of refusing to obey orders and given terms in army jails.

Carroll refused a haircut order last April. He contended that the hair-length regulations were a form of sexual discrimination because they did not apply to women in the U.S. Army.

He also claimed that the regulations "infringed on an individual's constitutional rights and had no relevance to job performance."

MPs in uproar over CIA activity in Britain

LONDON (UPI). — Nearly three dozen British Members of Parliament called on the Government Wednesday to expel ten American diplomats the lawmakers allege are employed by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

A motion introduced in the House of Commons said the men, all described in official diplomatic lists as attaches at the U.S. Embassy, should be permitted to remain only if they can prove they are not CIA agents.

The motion was signed by 34 MPs, most of them left-wing members of the Labour Party. Several of the signers have been agitating for several weeks about alleged CIA presence in this country.

One of the MPs, Tom Litterick, said yesterday that CIA spies were bugging the telephone and examining the mail of British subjects. He said he got details of CIA operations in Britain from former CIA agent Victor Marchetti, co-author of a recently published book on the CIA.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson considered the matter important enough to say this week that he would not hesitate to open an inquiry if it were found that CIA agents were operating in Britain from a diplomatic cover.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman refused to confirm or deny the charges, saying, "Since this is a matter that has been raised by Members of Parliament, the Embassy feels it is one for the British Government to handle."

Other diplomatic sources said the British Government was aware of the activities of the 10 officials and that they were performing functions considered legitimate in any embassy.

Nine of the officials are described in London diplomatic lists as "attaches." One is listed as "attache (political-military)."

John Reed, the political-military attache named in the parliamentary motion, refused to confirm or deny he was linked with the CIA. "I'm afraid I really can't confirm or deny that," he said. "That would be inappropriate."

In recent weeks an angry political rumpus has been generated by the planned visit in April of Shelepin, now head of Soviet trade unions, as a guest of Britain's largest labour organization, the Trades Union Congress.

Tass denies plot against Nixon

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union has angrily denounced as "gibberish" a suggestion that its secret agents attempted to assassinate former President Richard Nixon in the 1960s.

The denunciation appeared in commentary by the official Tass News Agency, attacking syndicated American columnist Jack Anderson for circulating the story.

Anderson contended in a column earlier this week that a KGB defector told the Central Intelligence Agency that the KGB made plans to kill Nixon if he won the 1960 presidential election. He said a forest fire near the Nixon home in California was apparently set by the KGB.

Tass said the CIA had instigated the publication of the article to divert recent press attention given to allegations the CIA had been responsible for a number of assassination bids in the 1960s.

Senate-passed bill earmarks $649.5m. aid for Israel

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Middle East clause in the foreign aid appropriations bill passed by the U.S. Senate Wednesday earmarks $649.5m. in military and economic grants and loans for Israel, $250m. in grant economic aid for Egypt and $100m. for a special requirements fund for Syria.

The bill, which passed by a higher margin than most Congressional observers had expected (57-40), went to a joint House-Senate Conference Committee yesterday morning to have differences ironed out. The House approved the bill last week by a narrow margin.

The House and Senate versions include the same basic amounts for Israel, except for aid for the resettlement of Soviet Jews. The House version earmarks $40m. for Soviet Jews, while the Senate's bill cut that sum to $25m.

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Aid, said Wednesday following the Senate's passage of the bill that he did not know which version the conferees would accept.

Inouye said that his committee had cut the amount for Soviet Jewish refugees because their number has decreased by about one half over the past year.

Pro-Israel legislators were attempting to reinstate the full amount into the bill yesterday. There had been no attempt to get the $15m. back into the bill when it was debated Wednesday on the Senate floor.

The relatively large majority that passed the bill was seen by many observers as an indication of continued support for Israel in the Congress. It was widely understood that the amounts in the bill for Israel influenced many legislators to vote for it.

Foreign aid has not been especially popular in Congress recently. Last year, the Foreign Air Authorization Bill was passed by only one vote.

The breakdown of aid to Israel in the current bill is $324.5m. in grant economic aid, $200m. for military credits and $100m. for military grants.

Fischer refuses to defend chess title

BEYGEN AAN ZEE, Holland (Reuter). — American world chess champion Bobby Fischer said yesterday he will refuse to defend his title against Soviet challenger Anatoly Karpov, a top official of the International Chess Federation (Fide) said here.

Florencio Campomanes, a Fide deputy president, said Fischer had telephoned him from the U.S. to declare, "It's all off."

Fischer said he would not play the title match, scheduled for Manila in June, because Fide's extraordinary congress here had on Wednesday rejected one of his demands for basic changes in the match rules, that the challenger must win by at least a 10-8 margin.

'Retreat of U.S. from allies only beginning'

LONDON (Reuter). — Sir Robert Thompson, a British guerrilla war expert who used to advise former President Nixon, said yesterday the world was about to witness global U.S. retreat from the side of its allies.

"It's been the greatest retreat since Napoleon retreated before Moscow. The Americans are now retreating before Moscow, and we are about to see the strategic surrender of the U.S.," he said in a BBC radio interview.

Citing the deteriorating situation in South Vietnam and Cambodia and questioning whether the U.S. would now stand by Israel, he said: "The consequences of this are that the whole defence of the West is going to begin to crumble."

In the East-West power struggle, it was the East that had the most secure base and the strategic initiative at every point.

Sir Robert, who was a special adviser to Nixon and the Pentagon on the Vietnam war, criticized Congress for failing to support its allies.

The domino-like fall of the countries of Indochina, he said, was "absolutely inevitable," and "it's not going to end there, of course."

SPORTS ABROAD — BERNIE BERNIKER

Leeds in semi-final of European soccer cup

LEEDS UNITED fulfilled its role of favourite with a 1-0 victory against Belgian champions Anderlecht on Wednesday night to join Bayern Munich, Barcelona and St. Etienne of France in the semi-finals of the European champions soccer cup.

The English team got the only goal of a rain-soaked, mud-spattered match in the 75th minute when Scottish captain Billy Bremner stole up on the blind side of the Anderlecht defence and coolly chied in a pass from Peter Lorimer. The victory completed a 4-0 "double" for Leeds and underlined the Englishmen's bid for their first European Cup title.

Bayern Munich, the West German champions, lost 1-0 to Ararat Erevan in the Soviet Union but still qualified on the home and away match basis on a 2-1 aggregate. Barcelona completed a 5-0 destruction of Sweden's Atvidaberg last week.

All three teams will be hoping to draw St. Etienne, the French champions who defeated Ruch Chorzow of Poland 2-0 on a snowy pitch and who on paper at least are now the weakest of the four.

BASKETBALL

TOP-RANKED and unbeaten Indiana rolled over 20th ranked Texas-El Paso 78-53 during the first round games for basketball's top prize — the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship. Second-ranked UCLA had to go to overtime to beat Michigan 103-91. Third-ranked Louisville beat Rutgers 91-78 behind Junior Bridgeman's 36 points. Fourth-ranked Kentucky swamped 6th-ranked Marquette 76-54. Fifth-ranked Maryland edged 16th-ranked Creighton 83-79. 7th-ranked Arizona State edged by 8th-ranked Alabama 97-94.

In other games, Kansas State 69, Penn 62; North Carolina 93, New Mexico State 69; Boston College 82, Furman 76; Syracuse 87, LaSalle 83 in overtime; Oregon State 78, Midd. Tenn. 67; Central Michigan 77, Georgetown 75; Cincinnati 87, Texas A-M 79; Notre Dame 77, Kansas 71; Nevada-Las Vegas 90, San Diego State 80; Montana 69, Utah State 63. Last year's champions, North Carolina State, ranked No. 9, were eliminated when they lost the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament and were not selected to defend its crown.

THE DENVER NUGGETS, a last-place team last season, clinched first place in the American Basketball Association's Western Division. Denver won only its second divisional crown in eight seasons in the 1969-70 season when Spencer Haywood was with the club.

NBA Standings

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE — Atlantic Division				
Boston	50	20	.714	—
Buffalo	43	28	.606	7½
New York	34	37	.479	17½
Philadelphia	33	39	.548	18
Central Division				
X-Washington	52	19	.732	—
Houston	37	36	.507	16
Cleveland	35	37	.472	17½
Atlanta	29	45	.392	24½
New Orleans	19	50	.275	32
WESTERN CONFERENCE — Midwest Division				
Chicago	41	29	.586	—
KC-Omaha	39	32	.549	2½
Detroit	35	38	.479	7½
Milwaukee	34	37	.479	7½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	41	33	.582	—
Seattle	36	37	.486	5½
Portland	31	40	.437	9
Phoenix	29	41	.414	11
Los Angeles	26	45	.366	14

X-Clinched division title.

NBA Scoring

	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
McAdoo, Buff.	925	569	2419	34.1
Barry, G.S.	910	367	2187	30.8
Abdul-Jabb., Milw.	684	283	1651	20.0
Archibald, KC-O	624	661	1809	25.5
Scott, Phoenix	651	247	1549	25.0
Lanier, Det	671	316	1657	24.0
Haywood, Seattle	645	275	1566	22.8
Chenier, Wash.	648	280	1576	22.5

ABA Standings

	W	L	Pct	GB
Eastern Division				
New York	53	22	.703	—
Kentucky	49	24	.671	3½
St. Louis	37	49	.360	25½
Memphis	22	51	.301	29½
Virginia	14	59	.192	37½
Western Division				
X-Denver	57	18	.760	—
San Antonio	44	31	.587	13
Indiana	40	31	.563	15
Utah	32	41	.438	24
San Diego	31	43	.419	25½

X-Clinched division title.

ABA Scoring

	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
McGinnis, Ind.	711	465	2046	30.1
Erving, New York	755	434	2019	27.3
Grant, S.D.	675	193	1535	25.2
Boone, Utah	742	319	1803	25.1
Gervin, San Ant.	686	341	1753	23.4
Barnes, St. Louis	677	236	1590	23.4
Gilmore, Kent.	674	353	1704	23.3
Lewis, St. Louis	487	331	1356	21.9
Simpson, Denver	630	282	1542	21.1
Lamar, San Diego	576	228	1443	20.9

DON CHANEY of the Boston Celtics of the NBA has signed to play with the Spirits of St. Louis of the ABA for next season. Chaney is playing out his option this season.

BASEBALL

CARLTON FISK is back in a familiar place — baseball's disabled list. Fisk, the all-star catcher of the Boston Red Sox, among baseball's most injury-hexed players, is out again, this time with a broken hand. Fisk, who missed the first 17 games last season with a groin injury and then two months later was sidelined for the balance of the season with a knee injury, was struck on the forearm by a pitch in an exhibition game with the Detroit Tigers. He will be out for two months.

JUAN MARICHAL, who in 1965 became Los Angeles Dodgers' public enemy when he walloped their catcher John Rosebro with a bat, has agreed to a one-year contract with Los Angeles. Marichal, 38, had only a 5-1 record for the Boston Red Sox last season but has a 243-141 lifetime record in the major leagues—14 years of it with San Francisco—and is viewed as a possible No. 3 started for the Dodgers if Tommy John doesn't recover from surgery.

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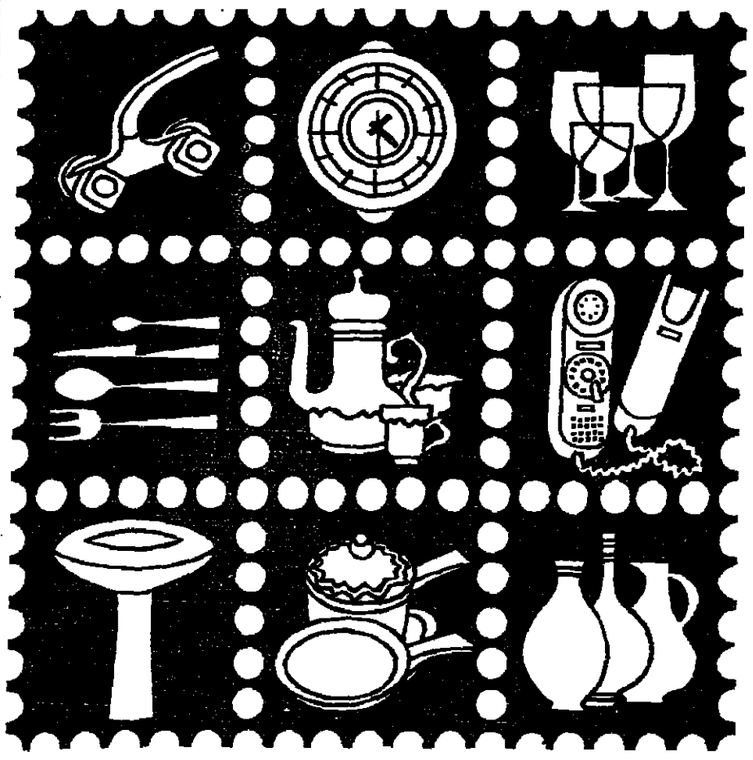

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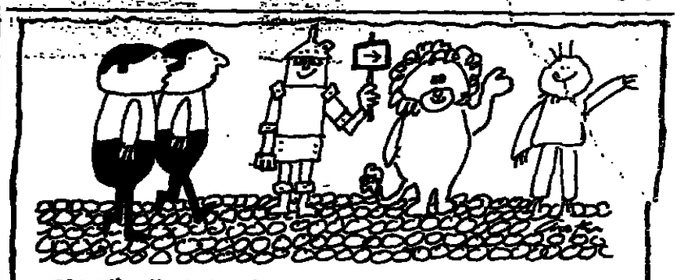

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U.S. Jews return to Democratic fold

Geoffrey Wigoder's JEWISH SCENE

Under the present constellation, the results of American elections are liable to be of more moment for the Jewish future than the results of elections in Israel. It is therefore not surprising that Jewish political analysts pay particular attention to the Jewish implications of each American election; and the first detailed analyses of the November 1974 vote are now at hand in two articles — by Stephen D. Isaacs in the "Hadassah Magazine" and by Will Maslow in "Congress Biweekly."

In the 1972 elections there was a marked decrease in the traditionally heavy Jewish vote for the Democratic presidential candidate (McGovern got only 65% of the Jewish vote compared with 81% for Humphrey in 1968). Obviously Nixon's pro-Israel policy was a factor, but many interpreted the Jewish Republican vote as the beginning of a massive Jewish shift to the right, as Jews had moved overwhelmingly into the class of the "haves." However, the 1974 elections, in which racial issues played no significant role, witnessed a massive return to Democratic loyalties on the part of various groups, including Jewish voters. Doubtless disgust over Watergate and the accompanying revelations, with their implied threat to civil liberties, played a strong role among Jews.

In any case, the "Jewish vote" has never gone more strongly Democratic. A poll conducted by NBC estimated that 90% of the Jewish vote went to Democrats. Isaacs puts forth as factors (in addition to the disgrace of the Republican Administration) unparalleled inflation, unsettling economic factors and a sense of penitence for forsaking the Democrats in 1972. In some cases, the Jewish reversion to the Democrats seems to have been decisive in the final results. Maslow however gives a warning as to the difficulty of determining exactly how Jews vote — no one knows precisely the percentage of Jews in a *particular election district* nor exactly how they vote.

A surprising result was the election of nine new Jewish members to the House of Representatives, raising the number of Jewish Congressmen from 12 to 21 — a record. There are also three Jewish senators and two Jewish governors. Two of the Jewish Congressmen represent states that have never previously sent a Jew to Washington — Georgia and Ohio. Incidentally, the average age of the Jews in Congress has dropped from 53 to 45.

There is evidence to indicate that Jewish Congressmen in the inner cities are being displaced by blacks as the exodus to the suburb continues. In general, a feature of the vote was the election to high office of many "ethnics." A minority ethnic background is no longer a major handicap in seeking office. There are 15 black members in the new House of Representatives, although few of them come from districts where the blacks are not in a majority. The great majority of the blacks in Congress vote in favour of aid to Israel and support Israel in other ways. The number of women in Congress also increased. Three of the Jewish representatives are women. (Other women legislators now include a Catholic nun and an avowed lesbian.)

Jews now constitute five per cent of the House of Representatives although they are only three per cent of the population. However, it is noteworthy to compare these figures with Britain where Jews comprise less than one per cent of the population but hold seven per cent of the seats in the House of Commons.

Isaacs notes that the new Congress appears sensitive to Jewish issues. Three members of the Senate who have been particularly cool towards U.S. support for Israel have left. Apart from Fulbright, they are Sam Ervin and George Aiken. (Sam Ervin, famous through the Watergate hearings, personally blocked Senate ratification of the genocide convention.) Of the 52 members of the House of Representatives who opposed U.S. aid to Israel, a quarter retired or were defeated. Support for the Jackson amendment rarely emerged as a negative campaign issue, as some opponents of the amendment had forecast it would. If anything, the evidence indicates that sponsorship of the Jackson amendment was an election asset.

There was little evidence of overt anti-Semitism anywhere in the campaigns. The only campaign where anti-Semitism surfaced was in Florida where the Democratic candidate for the Senate, Richard Stone, was categorized as a "Jew" in a hostile newspaper advertisement and where imitation thousand dollar bills were circulated with Stone's face in the centre and the legend "Make Israel the 51st State." However Stone had the last laugh in winning an upset victory, the first Jew to be elected by popular vote from that State since the Civil War.

At the other end of the scale, appeals to Jewish voters were common-place and the courting of Jewish votes in anticipation of the 1976 ballot is already under way.

Meanwhile in Britain an Israeli scholar, Dr. Ofira Seliktar of Haifa University, has published a study on the political attitudes and behaviour of British Jews. Her main conclusion is that most strictly Orthodox Jews vote Conservative and the more the inclination towards Left-wing Judaism, the greater the support for Left-wing politics. She finds that contrary to what obtains in some other religious minorities, Jewish Conservatism in religion is complemented by Conservatism in politics. Her estimate is that among the strictly Orthodox, 75% vote Conservative, 20% Labour and 5% Liberal. Among Reform Jews, on the other hand, 30% vote Conservative, 60% Labour and 10% Liberal. However the Orthodox groups account for only 15% of Anglo-Jewry and taken as a whole, British Jewry, although predominantly middle-class, is politically inclined towards the left.

The political behaviour of Anglo-Jewry, she states, could be summarised as one of high political awareness and qualified Socialist allegiance. The latter is particularly striking "as the Jews are almost unrepresented in those social groups on which the support of the Labour Party is based."

Arab, Jewish women give peace top prio[rity]

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WHENEVER THE SLOGAN of International Women's Year is mentioned, peace is always the last of the three purposes named — after equality and progress. However, at a meeting of 150 Jewish and Arab women held in the Wizo club in Kafr Yasif (an Arab village in the Western Galilee), the order was reversed and peace was put in first place. Without peace all the rest is meaningless, the speakers — and the posters on the clubhouse walls — proclaimed.

"The political leaders and the mass media all bow down to the god of war," Violet Khoury, former chairman of the Kafr Yasif local council, said in beautiful literary Arabic. "But we as women have to break the false idol to bits and help bring about the day when all will worship the true god, the god of peace."

Ruth Lys, a bereaved mother from Haifa who corresponded with Mrs. Sadat, recalled that in her high school auditorium there were Latin proverbs on the walls and one of them was "how good and honourable it *is to die for one's country.*"

"The Romans invented that thought, to glorify war and build an empire. For two thousand years, children everywhere have been brought up on similar ideas. I taught my son to love and respect every human being without regard for nationality, race or religion. He intended to learn to fight the number one enemy, cancer. But before he could get that far he had to go to war and shoot at people I taught him to respect. He died on the first day of the Six Day War..." Her voice trembled. "I want to change that proverb. We women, Jews and Arabs alike, concerned for our sons, brothers, fathers, husbands and for all human beings, have to say 'how good and honourable it is to *live* for one's country'."

Arab and Jewish women parade for peace through Kafr Yasif singing "hevenu shalem a[leichem" in] their respective languages.

Then came the turn of "equality" and "progress," the other two goals of International Women's Year. Laila Shlawit, a social worker from Shfaram, enumerated the laws which are of special importance to women: alimony payments through National Insurance when the husband does not pay, maternity leave, equal pay for equal work (on the statute books, at least) and many others.

Fanette Modek, deputy director of the Carmel Training Centre, spoke about the courses which the centre offers to women from developing countries. She also spoke about the difficulties women in less developed areas face. "In certain parts of Asia and Africa, the traditional society gave women an important role in agriculture, but the husbands made sure that the woman's independence was very limited despite her *economic contribution*. In China, on the other hand, women were relegated to the kitchen and to raising children and of course the husband's authority was unquestioned... When these women try to move into the modern way of life, they lack self-confidence and tend to choose professions similar to the roles they played in traditional society, such as teacher, nurse or secretary." This, of course, is still too true of so-called advanced societies as well.

Tova Hadani, head of Wizo's Training Department, and representing the Wizo Board at the meeting, spoke briefly about how Wizo fits in to the goals of equality, progress and peace. She mentioned, in addition to her own department which provided vocation[al] ... cational training courses Wizo's departments whic[h] ... cultural activities, home and home economics. "A[ll] Wizo does toward peac[e] meetings like this—wit[h] Arab and Druse women know each other and ... friendships between them ... tribution toward peace."

Upon adjournment, it ... gested that the wome[n] through the village stre[et] ing posters calling for ... singing "hevenu shalem ... in Hebrew and in ... Arabic words did not fit ... the singing wasn't alway[s] ... and the marching would ... won the approval of a se[...] the participants enjoyed immensely.

STANDARDS INSTITUTE GETS LITTLE GOV'T SUPPORT

Slipshod approach to consumer control

By HAIM SHAPIRO

THE MATCH THAT BROKE as you lit it, burning a hole in your new carpet was not just any match, it most probably carried the seal of the Israel Standards Institute.

In fact, although many of us feel that the local matches are inferior, the Standards Institute does ensure that they conform to certain minimum safety standards. The matches *are tested to ensure* that they do not contain any phosphorus. They must also not ignite spontaneously under a certain minimum temperature.

We are actually lucky to have matches under the Institute's supervision. Most items in the kitchen, including the greater part of what we eat and drink, are under no such control. Only when the producer wishes to export his goods, does he, voluntarily, have them tested.

The problem of maintaining standards for our daily household items is an especially pressing one in a period of rising prices. The government controls the degree to which prices may be increased, but unless it also keeps constant checks on quality, it is only doing half the job.

A *senior official of the Commerce* and Industry Ministry recently assured *The Jerusalem Post* that "constant checks are being made" to ensure that manufacturers don't cheat on quality. When questioned later, the Ministry spokesman said that, aside from a few export items, his Ministry makes no checks on food. He referred the questioner to the Health Ministry, which does in fact keep a watch on food for contamination—foreign bodies, and spoilage, but not for quality.

A producer, forced to keep his prices down, may try to recoup his profits by cutting corners elsewhere, at our expense. In a very obvious case, numerous attempts to bake underweight loaves of bread were discovered following the cut in bread subsidies. Among the cases brought to court were *pitot* so small they resembled miniatures.

In other cases, the manufacturer need *not endanger himself* in such a blatant manner as by actually giving short weights. Just as noticable, but more difficult to prove, was the decrease in sugar used in many cake products. While it may be argued that such a move actually saves us all from tooth decay and diabetes, we are nonetheless being short-changed.

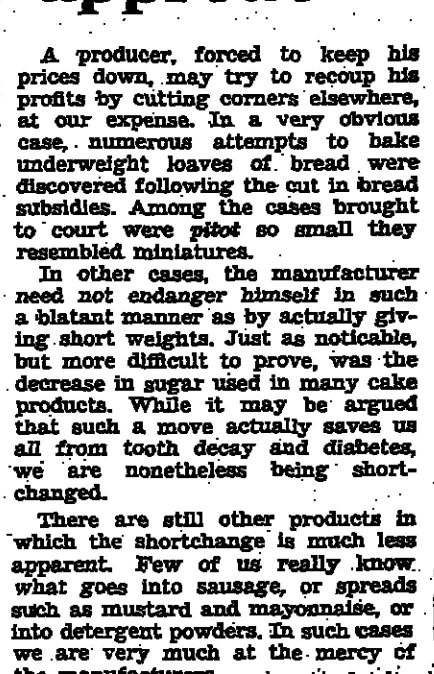
There are still other products in which the shortchange is much less apparent. Few of us really know *what* goes into sausage, or spreads such as mustard and mayonnaise, or into detergent powders. In such cases we are very much at the mercy of the manufacturers.

This is not the case in all branches of industry. Noga Livnat, the spokes*man of the Standards Institute*, explained to me that there is very rigorous supervision over electrical goods. Such products, whether intended for home or industry, must meet certain requirements before they can be put on the market. Similar standards regulate imported electrical goods.

On the day I visited the Institute, a new immigrant from South America was involved in a dispute with members of the Institute. In his country of origin, he had produced water heaters, which involved the water passing close to a high-voltage area. He found it difficult to accept the fact that, according to the official Israel standard, such heaters were considered dangerous and there*fore illegal*.

Mrs. Livnat explained that a standard is fixed by a committee of experts which includes representatives of the particular industry, members of consumer groups and scientists from institutions of higher learning and research. However, when the committee agrees upon a standard, it dos not become official until it is approved by the Minister of Commerce and Industry.

Before a standard is official, a producer may, if he so desires, voluntarily submit his product for supervision, and thus gain the Institute's seal — a calipers enclosing the Hebrew letters mem, tav, yod. While a list of electrical products carrying the institute seal extends over 20 pages, only three food products are so supervised. They are Sugat sugar, Etz Hazayit soya oil and the same firm's vitamin-enriched soya oil.



Bottle of beer—in which part of the filling mechanism fell into the bottle—was a surprise for one consumer. (Israel Standards Institute)

Another 17 items are subject to official standards which are legally enforceable. These constitute an almost random sampling including citrus juice concentrates, sauerkraut, sweet and sour cream, tinned plums and honey.

On the other hand, there is a very long list of products for which the unofficial standard has been established, but which are not under official supervision. The committee of experts *has* met, spending long hours in fixing the standard, but the Ministry has not seen fit to approve it. They are *not* tested unless the producer, or some other body, such as a consumers' organization, decides to submit them for testing.

Among the many food products which have such unofficial standards are tinned fish, including [sar]dines and gefilte fish, t[...] products, ice-cream, halva, [...]ing, reconstituted lemon ju[ice] and soft drinks. As this indicates, many of the [...] which there is no officia[l ...] are, by nature, particula[rly suscep]tible to the whim of the [manufac]turer.

The unofficial standards [for] *meat products*, for exam[ple ...] minimum amounts of [...] which must be present [...] duct to be labelled as go[...] meat or meat loaf. Th[e] standard specifies the amount of fat, liquid and [...] which may be present [...] these. If the standards w[ere ...] we could still not be sure [...] tinned goods might taste, [...] would at least be some g[...] to what they contained.

If this is the case, we [...] ask why the Standards In[stitute does] not get on the job and [...] supervision of food pro[ducts ...] Livnat stressed that the [...] Institute is not a governm[ent ...] tion, but an independent [...] *gets only a small part of* [its ...] from the government.

While the governmen[t in some] cases demands the Insti[tute ...] the Institute does not pick [...] tested of its own accord, [...] goods for testing and ch[arges] for this service. Most of th[e ...] income is derived from [...] fees. Many of the tests h[...] do with the Israeli consum[er ...] rather conducted for exp[...] wish to know if their pr[...] be acceptable to foreign g[...] standards.

In theory, of course, [con]sumers' organizations are [...] mit samples to the Institu[te ...] ing and they often do so [...] the consumers' organiza[tions ...] stated that they simply ca[n't ...] to make continued chec[k ...] quality. Another source [of super]vision is the Health Min[istry ...] at its own laboratories [...] Institute, it attempts to [...] food we eat is not conta[minated or] infected. This, however, [does not] mean that the quality [...] maintained.

In some cases we h[...] gress. The official stand[...] corrected a situation in [...] ings from sugar wa[s ...] cooked into a syrup a[...] that name. Now, when [...] we can be sure of ge[...] thing.

We have made strid[es ...] dustries. In the buildi[ng ...] example, the mere m[...] Standards Institute evok[es ...] No doubt in the coming [...] standards for food produ[cts ...] made official. While, as [...] of the matches, they may [...] superior quality, they w[...] tee a certain minimum.

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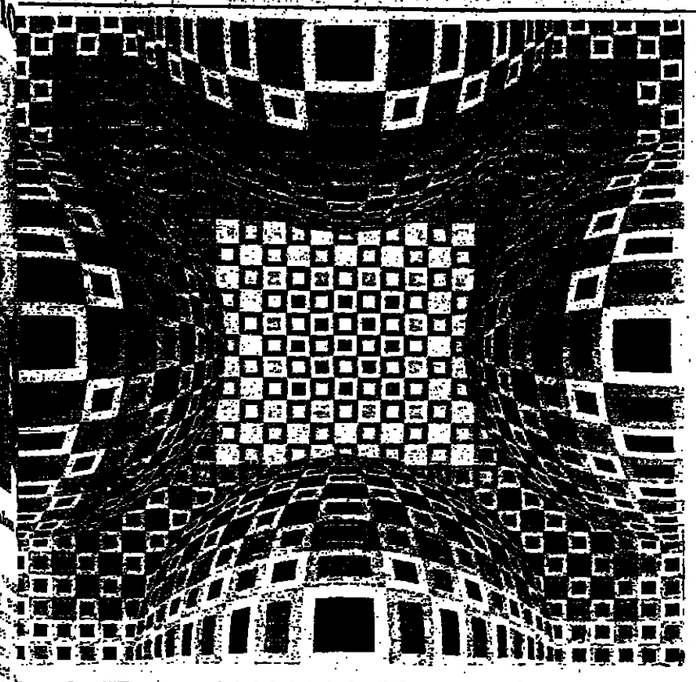

Vasarely: Silkscreen print (1974) at the Delson-Richter Gallery, Old Jaffa.

'Spring Shows' in Old Jaffa

THE ART galleries and artists of Old Jaffa have put aside their natural competitive spirit and have successfully formed a united front, offering the public "Spring Shows" that include a half dozen new exhibits as well as recent open house invitations to visit studios of artists and craftsmen. This positive effort has brought Old Jaffa back to life, as throngs of residents and tourists stroll the cobblestone lanes from one gallery to the next.

To my chagrin, the one thing that did not change was the general quality and temper of the art. With the exception of handsome serigraphs and three-dimensional constructions by Vasarely and pungent Eschoff drawings (both at Delson-Richter) the remaining fare is rather bland.

Yacov Wexler's flourescent hard-edge abstractions (Riebenfeld) create instant shock but are confusing, garish and lack the technical precision the style demands. Avraham Mandel (Modern Art Gallery) continues to set an expressionist table which is becoming quite redundant although it does impart sporadic interest. Paul Kor (Old Jaffa Gallery) in his first one man show makes it clear that he is a better graphic designer than artist. "In Memory of Sonia Ryback" is really a group show of the gallery collection (Andromeda) heavy in the field of Jewish *Ecole de Paris*, notably Mane Katz and Ryback. The festival will close March 31.

GIL GOLDFINE

MUSIC

Even when Stern is tired

ISAAC STERN lent glamour to the special concert given by the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra on the occasion of the Hebrew University's 50th anniversary (Binyenei Ha'oomah — March 16). His playing of the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto bore traces of the extreme fatigue caused by his flying visit to Paris for the UNESCO protest meeting the day before. But this was only physical, as his great artistry and human warmth came through in every note and phrase. Even when Isaac Stern is tired he is still miles above all other violinists in musicianship and overall conception, in approach to the music and his execution, and in the Mendelssohn Concerto reaffirmed this statement. No wonder that the capacity audience thanked the artist for the experience in great waves of applause.

The concert opened with Lukas Foss conducting Beethoven's Seventh Symphony. It was a disappointing and uninspired rendition. The violin section lacks the warmth and volume to fill this large hall; the trumpets were badly placed and played too obtrusively, spoiling the balance of the orchestra as a whole to the detriment of the music. Musically, it was a dry, "academic" time-keeping — no exciting tension based on the dotted rhythm in the first movement, no singing of the godly phrases in the second, no exuberance in the overwhelming last movement (which Wagner called "the apotheosis of dance"). It was a regrettable waste of great music presented for a memorable occasion. The idea of letting the audience sing a Beethoven song ("The Heavens declare the Glory of God") seemed more suitable for one of Mr. Foss' famous happenings; in this concert, it could only be an anti-climax to Isaac Stern's performance.

YOHANAN BOEHM

CINEMA

'STATE OF SIEGE'

State of Siege (Maxim, Tel Aviv), directed by Costa-Gavras, is, like his "Z" and "L'Aveu," a political drama founded on fact: the kidnapping and killing of a U.S. AID official by revolutionaries in South America who claimed that he was helping repressive forces in their country.

The screenplay by Franco Solinas, who scripted "The Battle of Algiers," places the action in an imaginary country called Montevideo. A radical group, comprised mainly of students, kidnap three hostages to be exchanged for all the political prisoners. One is the Brazilian consul, another is a secretary at the American Embassy and the third is the AID official who is given the name of Philip Michael Santore, played by Yves Montand.

As it is known from the start that Santore will be assassinated, suspense is not a prime element in the story. The film is mainly an indictment of the U.S. for interfering in the internal affairs of another country behind the screen of extending aid. Santore is accused of and finally admits to having trained selected police in techniques of political manipulation including torture and terrorist tactics. The film's viewpoint is somewhat simplistic with the radicals being presented as clear-eyed idealists and the authorities and police as fascist bullies. Although not as thrilling as either "Z" or "L'Aveu," it is a disquieting picture which leaves the viewer with an apprehensive feeling about the Big Power experts currently spreading their "know-how" to various parts of the world.

Montand gives a splendid performance with not a trace of his usual charm but makes his Santore into a cold, amoral sort of character who carries out his job without any qualms. After the finding of his body and the state funeral, the films ends with the arrival of another AID official, welcomed by Police Captain Lopez (Renato Salvatori) who was one of those trained by Santore while members of the revolutionary group watch surrepititiously. The dialogue is in English.

S.W.

'SAINTLY' JAMES BOND

The Man with the Golden Gun — (Tel Aviv, Cinema 1, Hod; Haifa, Armon; Jerusalem, Habirah).

THEN CAME JAMES BOND (Roger Moore) and slew the slaughterer, Scaramanga, (Christopher Lee) who had the Golden Gun, which killed the villain, who had executed the British defector, who discovered that the Solex Agitator could effectively solve the world's energy problems by using the sun, to make the electricity, in the generator, which the Chinese had given, in the film that Albert Broccoli and Harry Saltzman produced for you and the kids, for you and the kids.

It's the season when we rejoice at having been brought out of bondage, yet Bond 007 still manages to hold his audience captive while whisking his way through hair-raising escapades on various exotic locations between here and Hong Kong.

This, the eighth in the James Bond series, is very similar in many aspects to its predecessors, right down to the gripping car-chase as in "Diamonds are Forever." A little Kung-Fu helps update "The Man with the Golden Gun" though the whole effort has such a strong jaded sixties feeling that one wonders when "M" (Bernard Lee) is finally going to pension James off.

Leading ladies, Andrea (Maud Adams) and Mary Goodnight (Britt Ekland) are easy on the eye, but it is 007, always impeccably dressed, whether seducing or slaying, who provides the humour, dropping saucy lines left right and mainly centre. Despite all the clever gadgets (nice touch that Scaramanga's gun also doubles as a cigarette lighter), the spectacular stunts (driving a car up a twisted river ramp to rotate a complete 360 degree turn in mid-air and land on all fours while still doing 160 k.p.h.) and the professional production, the movie is only a very smooth, banal, escapist piece put over in a way the Broccoli/Saltzman people know how.

IAN A. WIENER

Roger Moore as James Bond.

Skyscraper catastrophe

The biggest yet of the disaster films now in vogue has arrived with The Towering Inferno (Tel Aviv and Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv), which concerns a catastrophic fire raging in the world's tallest skyscraper, trapping hundreds of people inside.

Two major film companies, 20th Century Fox and Warner Bros., joined forces to make the picture at a cost of $14m. Director John Guillermin handled the drama and human relationships and producer Irwin Allen ("The Poseidon Adventure") directed the action sequences. Sterling Silliphant ("The Heat of the Night") wrote the screenplay, which is founded on two similar novels and the starry cast is headed by Paul Newman, Steve McQueen, William Holden and Faye Dunaway. The number of engineers, technicians, stuntmen and so on employed must have been legion.

The result of this gargantuan expenditure of money, talent and effort is to give the public the most impressive of similar films to have come here to date. The 138-storey building alone represents a feat of engineering and ingenuity. Nearly everybody is afraid of fire which can occur so easily in one's own home so that the picture with all its scary incidents and with its horribly realistic human flaming torches really shakes up the viewer.

While the film is strong on thrills and excitement it is pretty short on characterisation. Steve McQueen makes a calm and efficient head of the fire fighters and Paul Newman is his usual likeable self as the architect of the building. The fire, which starts with an electrical short cut, is attributed to faulty wiring because the son-in-law of the builder, William Holden, altered specifications to cut costs. There is a nice performance from Fred Astaire as a confidence man who has his eye on Jennifer Jones, who still looks attractive.

The film is dedicated to the fire fighters whose bravery and devotion to duty are extolled and in Tel Aviv two performances of the picture were held on last night to mark the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Israeli Fire Brigade.

S.W.

French farce

La moutarde me monte au nez (Esther, Tel Aviv) is a situation comedy starring Pierre Richard, the "big blond with one black shoe" who plays his usual sort of role, that of a dreamy innocent who constantly finds himself in trouble and always manages to make it worse.

Pierre is a mathematics teacher in a small town in the Midi of which his father (Claude Piéplu), a surgeon, is mayor. Pierre writes his speeches for him and is in general considered an exemplary young man. Then a film unit arrives to make a Western in the vicinity and before he knows what is happening Pierre finds himself embroiled with the leading lady (Jane Birkin) with newspapers announcing that he is her lover.

Although the humour is of the obvious kind, the film is lively with lots of action and even slapstick, and the whole cast works hard to keep the pace brisk. It was written and directed by Claude Zidi who made "Les Bidasses en Folie."

S.W.

Huge Islam festival in UK

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — A "WORLD OF ISLAM FESTIVAL" is to be held in Britain soon. A brochure announcing the three-month long event declares that it will "become the most important cultural event devoted to Islamic civilization ever to have been held in the Western world."

Ostensibly, the Festival, according to the brochure, offers a unique and timely opportunity to counter the distorted picture of Islam and the Moslem world and the ignorance and prejudice that have characterized the Western approach to Islam.

The event is planned on a massive scale. During its three-month time span there will be exhibitions, series of lectures by Moslem scholars, an international congress, the publication of an Encyclopaedia of Islam and a television film series.

What makes some people query the "cultural" nature of the Festival is the fact that it is being arranged by people who are primarily noted for their advocacy of the Arab side in the Arab-Israel dispute. Among them Sir Anthony Nutting, Sir Harold Beely, Lord Caradon and Professor Arnold Toynbee.

Absent from the list of academic consultants are any representatives of the major schools of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies of London, Manchester, Oxford and Edinburgh.

In a critical article this week, the "Daily Telegraph" wrote: "The Festival of Islam appears to be not an exercise in the scholarly dissemination of knowledge and culture, but rather a political exercise on a truly massive scale, founded on the denigration of Western scholarship, managed by a group of people whose previous interests suggests that it is less the allegedly false image of Islam held by inhabitants of Britain than their lack of total sympathy with the contemporary Arab cause that concerns them."

New 3-D screen creates 'total optical illusion'

PARIS (UPI). — A French inventor has devised a three-dimensional screen technique modelled on the cornea of the eye, which he says could revolutionize the film industry.

He claims the process, which produces a "total optical illusion," can reduce motion picture costs and lure back audiences to the cinema from television. "There is no mystery to my invention," Jules Hourdriaux, 68, said in an interview at his two-room Paris apartment. "People accuse me of using a special lens. That's rubbish. The secret is in the screen."

Hourdriaux began work on his invention in 1960. It consists of a vertical concave 180-degree screen, shaped like a half-cylinder, and it has already had considerable success in France, Belgium and other countries. He recently perfected the screen by adding floor, ceiling and wall extensions which heighten the effect and produce an undistorted "3-D optical illusion."

In the cramped quarters of his small workshop studio, the shuffling and bespectacled French inventor demonstrated his process by projecting a 16mm. film of documentary clips against a miniature white cardboard and aluminium prototype screen.

The projected image seemed to envelope the viewer, who quickly forgot the presence of the screen and felt himself become a participant in the action.

In one sequence, in which a World War II tank rumbled forward, the viewer sensed himself crouching in a trench in its path, instinctively ducking as pieces of earth tumbled down when the tank's tracks passed overhead. In another, the viewer felt himself floating through clouds at 20,000 feet in the cockpit of an airplane. Next, he seemed to experience the same sensation as the Apollo-8 astronauts in a weightlessness experiment.

"My screen technique can offer the film industry and the public a visual spectacle unequalled on television," said Hourdriaux, a gentle and pragmatic man who has been working on audio-visual methods for 40 years.

The inventor said he has devised a simple means for adapting his screen technique to television. "But I would prefer the film industry to have the advantage," he said.

Royal Academy opens an 'Aladdin's cave'

LONDON (UPI).—Just in time for the beginning of spring; a venerable British institution has opened doors which it kept locked for centuries upon a hidden treasure trove.

From now until November the paying public can visit the Royal Academy's gilded "private rooms." It is like being given the key to Aladdin's cave.

At one end of a lofty ballroom is a sculpture by Michelangelo — one of only four outside Italy. It has never before been on proper display.

In an antique-filled dining room hangs Constable's "The Leaping Horse," a masterpiece which has been endlessly reproduced but seldom actually seen.

Lesser-known treasures fill the Academy's "private rooms" in Burlington House — self-portraits by Gainsborough and Reynolds, Stubbs' drawings of horses, Turner's travelling watercolour set, a magnificent Greek girl in stone from the 4th century B.C.E. — even Queen Victoria's paint box.

The Royal Academy is one of those peculiar British institutions which defy logic. It is a private organization limited to 75 artists.

It is self-supporting, but without visible means of support. Its art schools, existing outside the state schools system, are free. Its annual summer exhibition of living artists — held for 206 unbroken years, and probably its best-known activity — charges artists nothing to hang their works, and takes no commission on what they sell.

At the moment, the Royal Academy is in serious financial trouble, like everyone else. Yet it is sitting on incalculable wealth.

"At the very least, its collection of British art must be worth around 10 million pounds sterling," a recent study said. Its non-British works, like the Michelangelo "Madonna and Child with St. John" relief, are probably worth that much again.

Not long ago the Academy found by chance some old photographs in a basement and sold them. With that money, the Academy built a special annexe to house its Michelangelo — a shallow, beautifully lit anteroom built against an outside wall. It renovated the "private rooms" it has now opened. Today they look as fresh and bright as when Lord Burlington remodelled them in the latest Palladian style in 1717.

The Royal Academy's main function has always been to train artists and foster art. It has continually been attacked as reactionary, hide-bound, ultraconservative. Yet even a stern critic admitted recently that the Royal Academy "is absolutely at the centre of the nation's artistic life."

This spring it is a tourist attraction, too.

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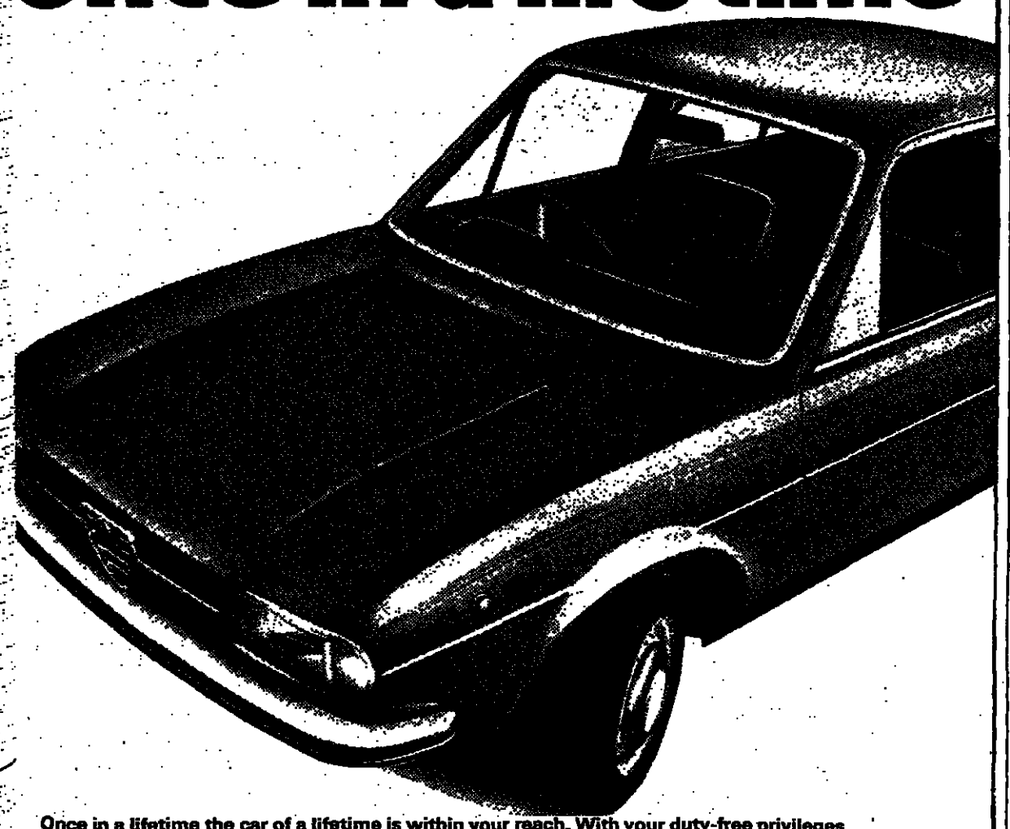

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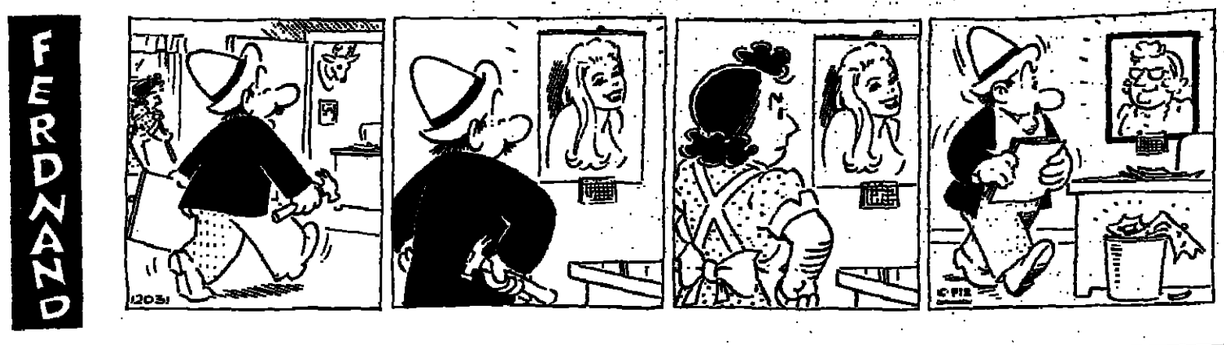

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Yeshurun Synagogue: Today: Minha 5.35 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.50 p.m. **Tomorrow:** Shahrit, 8.00 a.m., Minha Gdola, 12.45 p.m., Minha 5.00 p.m., Sermon: Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, 5.25 p.m., Arvit 6.25 p.m.

Hechal Shlomo: Today: Minha 5.35 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat 5.50 p.m. **Tomorrow:** Shahrit 8.00 a.m., Minha 5.00 p.m., Arvit 6.25 p.m.

Emet V'emuna: (Rehov Narkiss 1) **Tonight:** 5.45 p.m. Sermon: Prof. Simon Greenberg. **Tomorrow:** Shahrit, 8.15 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Pinhas Peli.

Mevakshei Derech (14 Ibn Gvirol) Shabbat and holidays 9.00 a.m.

Italian Synagogue (Rehov Hillel). **Tonight:** Minha 5.35 p.m. **Tomorrow:** 8.30 a.m.

Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Neve Schechter, behind the Israel Museum). **Tonight:** 5.35 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi A. Zaoui. **Tomorrow:** 8.30 a.m.

Habad Lubavich Synagogue (Rehov Habad, Jewish Quarter, Old City): **Tomorrow:** Shahrit: 8.30 a.m. Kiddush following services.

Sephardi Synagogue-Ribas (Old City): **Tonight:** Minha 5.35 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.50 p.m. **Tomorrow:** Sephardi Minyan, 7.30 a.m. Ashkenazi Minyan, 8.00 a.m., Minha 5.00 p.m.

Ashkenazi Synagogue of Yemin Moshe (Rehov Pele Yoetz, near Windmill): **Tomorrow:** 8.15 a.m. Sermon.

Beit Knesset Mercazi, Talbieh: (14 Rehov Hovevei Zion, Talbieh): **Tonight:** 5.35 p.m.

Har-El Synagogue (Progressive Judaism), 16 Rehov Shmuel Hanagid, near Bezalel Museum. **Tonight:** 6.00 p.m., Sermon: Rabbi A. Zaoui. **Tomorrow:** 9.30 a.m.

World Council of Synagogues (Conservative), at United Synagogue of America Centre; Rehov Agron 4. **Tonight:** 5.30 p.m., Sermon: Rabbi Josef Green. **Tomorrow:** Shahrit, 8.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Josef Green.

Congregation Migdol Hashoshanim (22 Rehov Pinsker) **Tonight:** Minha 5.35 p.m., **Tomorrow:** Shahrit 8.00 a.m., Minha 5.00 p.m., followed by Lesson in Talmud.

Young Israel (28 Rehov Ben-Tzion, Givat Shaul). **Tonight:** 5.35 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 5.50 p.m. **Tomorrow:** Shahrit 8.00 a.m., Minha 5.00 p.m.

Young Israel: (Rehov Bar Yohai 47, Katamon). **Tonight:** 5.28 p.m. **Tomorrow:** 8.00 a.m.

Young Israel (Block 107, Sanhedria Murhevet). **Tonight:** 5.28 p.m. **Tomorrow:** 8.00 a.m.

Hebrew Union College (Rehov David Hamelech 13). **Tomorrow:** 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV

The Great Synagogue (110 Allenby Road) **Tomorrow:** Shahrit, 7.30 a.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (86 Rehov Ben-Yehuda). **Tonight:** Minha 5.40 p.m. **Tomorrow:** Shahrit, 6.30 and 8.30 a.m., Minha 5.35 p.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (Beit Hamore, Rehov Nathan Strauss 5). **Tonight:** Minha 5.40 p.m. **Tomorrow:** Shahrit, 8.00 a.m., Minha 5.35 p.m.

Kehilat Sinai (Conservative, B'nai Brit House, 10 Rehov Kaplan, corner Hameasfim). **Tomorrow:** Shahrit, 9 a.m., Parashat Hashvua: Rabbi David Haber.

Kedem Synagogue: (Progressive Judaism, 20 Rehov Carlebach); **Tonight:** 5.30 p.m. **Tomorrow:** 9.30 a.m., Sermon: Rabbi Moshe Zemer.

Beit Haknesset Geulat Yisrael (Rehov Mercaz Ba'alei Melacha 16). **Tonight:** 6.00 p.m. **Tomorrow:** Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

Kehilat Ramat Aviv (Progressive Judaism: Jacob-Efter Hall, Peretz Naphtali Bldg. T.A. University): **Tonight:** 6.00 p.m. Sermon: Mr. Shai Eitan.

BAT YAM

Minyan Tal'irim Ramat Hanassi (4a Livorno): **Tonight:** 5.45 p.m. **Tomorrow:** 8.00 a.m., Minha, 5.15 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

Hatechiya Synagogue: Tonight: 5.30 p.m. **Tomorrow:** Shahrit, 7.45 a.m., Parashat Hashavua: Mr. Barkol. Minha 5.30 p.m. Shiur Gemara, Mr. Weizman.

Emeth V'anava Congregation (Progressive Judaism); 57 Derech Jabotinsky. **Friday:** 6.00 p.m. **Saturday:** 9.30 a.m.

Deth Haknesset

Beth Haknesset Ramat Hen (5 Rehov Ramat Hen); **Friday:** 5.30 p.m. **Saturday:** Shahrit, 7.45 a.m.

SAVYON

Tiferet Yitzchak Synagogue (6 Rehov Hadarom). **Tonight:** 5.35 p.m. **Tomorrow:** 8.30 a.m.

KFAR SABA

Haminyan Hahadash (Schechuna Eliezer). **Tonight:** 5.50 p.m. **Tomorrow:** 8.00 a.m., Minha 5.45 p.m.

PETAH TIKVA

Young Israel (Ramat Werber School Rehov Anderson); **Tonight:** 5.46 p.m., **Tomorrow:** Talmud, 7.00 a.m., Services, 8.00 a.m.

KIRON

Young Israel (Rehov Shlomo Hamelech). **Friday:** 5.46 p.m. **Saturday:** 8.00 a.m.

KFAR SHMARYAHU

Beit Haknesset Hechal Habanim: Tonight: Kabbalat Shabbat 5.45 p.m., **Tomorrow:** 8.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Shmuel Avidor Hacohen. Minha, 5.30 p.m.

HERZLIYA

Young Israel (Hotel Hod, Rehov Hanassi) **Tonight:** 5.46 p.m. **Tomorrow:** 8.45 a.m.

NETANYA

Beit Yisrael (Conservative, 13 Rehov Rav Kook). **Tonight:** 5.30 p.m. **Tomorrow:** 9.00 a.m.

Netanya Progressive Congregation (35 Rehov Ussishkin). **Tonight:** 5.25 p.m.

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HAIFA

Moriah Congregation-Conservative (7 Rehov Horeb, Ahuza). **Tonight:** 5.30 p.m. **Tomorrow:** Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Charles W. Siegel.

Haifa Progressive Congregation of Hadash (Small Theatre, Beit Rothschild) **Tonight:** 5.30 p.m. Sermon. **Saturday:** 9.00 a.m. Sermon.

RISHON LEZION

Young Israel (34 Rehov Hanotrim). **Tonight:** 5.46 p.m. **Tomorrow:** 8.30 a.m.

Young Israel (Shikun Beit). **Tonight:** 5.46 p.m. **Tomorrow:** Shahrit, 8.00 a.m.

REHOVOT

Adat Shalom Synagogue (Conservative, B'nai Brit Hall, 183 Rehov Herzl). **Tonight:** 5.30 p.m. **Tomorrow:** Shahrit 8.30 a.m. Sermons: Rabbi Meir Ydit.

ASHDOD

Kehilat Etz Hayim — Conservative (Geulim School, Ezor Aleph). **Tonight:** 5.30 p.m. **Tomorrow:** 9.00 a.m.

ASHKELON

Kehilat Netzach Yisrael (Batsheva Gerbovov Community Centre, Derech Ya'acov Chaham, corner Harel, Afridar). **Tonight:** Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.00 p.m. **Saturday:** Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Pinhas Spectre.

BEERSHEBA

Family Congregation of Omer (Conservative, Omer School Auditorium). Kabbalat Shabbat 5.30 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Michael Graetz. **Tomorrow:** Shahrit 9.00 a.m.

Young Israel (Shikun Beit). **Tonight:** 5.46 p.m. **Tomorrow:** Shahrit, 8.00 a.m.

Progressive (Telephone 73737). **Tonight:** 6.00 p.m., Sermon: Rabbi Yoram Mayor.

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Baptist Congregation (Rehov Narkis, Jerusalem); Saturday Services. Bible Study: 9.45 a.m. Worship 11.00 a.m.

Church of Christ (across street from Rockefeller Museum). Bible Classes: 10.00 a.m. Worship: 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Classes, 6.00 p.m.

Christ Church (Anglican) Jaffa Gate. Holy Communion. 8.00 a.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m.

Lutheran Church (Muristan Rd., Old City, Jerusalem). Arabic: Every Sunday — 9.00 a.m. — Church of the Redeemer; English: Every Sunday — 9.00 a.m. — Crusader's Chapel (next to Church); Deutsch Jeden Sonntag um 10.10 Uhr. Morning Prayer 8.10 a.m. every Thursday in the Crusader's Chapel (next to the Church).

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Church of Scotland (Presbyterian, near Railway Station) Jerusalem. Tel. 84325. Sunday Morning Service, 10.00 a.m.

"Shalhevetyah" — Finnish School (Lutheran) (25 Rehov Shivtei Israel). Saturday 10.30 a.m. Service in Hebrew; Sunday 7.30 p.m. Bible Study in Hebrew.

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Church of God, Mount of Olives near Palace Hotel. Tel. 284436. Services in English/German/Arabic. Sunday Worship 10.00 a.m. Thursday Prayer 6.00 p.m.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church (Rehov Eilat behind Old Law Court, Tel Aviv). Saturday: 11.00 a.m.

Evangelical Episcopal (Anglican) Church (Jaffa, Beer Hoffman Street, off Rehov Eilat): Sunday: Evening Service, 6.00 p.m. Tuesday: Bible Study (Tel. 821459).

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SATURDAY

ARRIVALS: Alitalia 738 from Rome, 1330; TWA 880 from N.Y. and Athens, 1350; Lufthansa 634 from Frankfurt, 1525; TWA 810 from Boston, Paris and Rome, 1536; Swissair 330 from Zurich, 1805; El Al 358 from Frankfurt, 1925; BA 484 from London, 1935; El Al 476 from London, 2000; El Al 472 from Geneva, 2110; El Al 478 from Paris and Munich, 2125; El Al 470 from Amsterdam and Rome, 2135; Air France 138 from Paris and Athens, 2150.

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Examinations Division

MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS AND EARLY EXAMINATIONS APRIL 1975

Notice to External Examinees

1. Dates of written examinations
Examinations will take place between April 6 — April 30, 1975.
Schedule of Examinations.

N.B. The examinations in primary foreign languages which will take place on Monday, April 14, 1975, eve of the I.D.F. Memorial Day, will commence at 2 p.m. and not at 3 p.m. (the usual starting time) as previously announced.

Day and date (1975)	SUBJECT		Exam code	Time of Examination
Sun. April 6	Knowledge of the People and State (early)		94	3-5 p.m.
Mon. April 7	Hebrew Literature, Broad Curriculum	Part A	04	3-6 p.m.
	Hebrew Literature, Broad Curriculum	Part B	04	6.30-7.30 p.m.
	Hebrew Literature, Restricted Curriculum		05	3-6 p.m.
	Hebrew Literature for New Immigrants		45	3-4.30 p.m.
Wed. April 9	Second Foreign Language English (11), French (14), Arabic (16), Rumanian (33), Italian (22), Polish (38), Russian (18), Spanish (20), Portuguese (48), Turkish (50), Persian (52), Hungarian (54), Slovak (56), Czech (58)		see language	3-6 p.m.
Thur. April 10	History	Part A	24	3-6.30 p.m.
	History	Part B	24	7-8 p.m.
	History B — History of the People of Israel (early for new immigrants)		95	3-4 p.m.
	History (early)		83	3-4.30 p.m.
Mon. April 14	First Foreign Language English (09), French (12), Arabic (15), Rumanian (32), Russian (17), Polish (23) Spanish (19), Italian (21) Turkish (49), Portuguese (47), Persian (61), Hungarian (53), Slovak (55), Czech (57)	Part A	see language	2-4 p.m.
		Part B		4.30-6.30 p.m.
Thur. April 17	Bible (Curriculum A and B)	Part A	06	3-5 p.m.
	Bible (Curriculum A and B)	Part B	06	5.30-7.30 p.m.
	Bible (for new immigrants)		46	3-6 p.m.
Mon. April 21	Mathematics, Restricted Curriculum		08	3-6.30 p.m.
	Mathematics, Broad Curriculum	Part A	07	3-5.30 p.m.
	Mathematics, Broad Curriculum	Part B	07	6-8 p.m.
Tue. April 22	Biology		28	3-6 p.m.
	Biology (early)		84	3-4 p.m.
Wed. April 23	Geography and Knowledge of Israel		29	3-6 p.m.
	Geography of Eretz Yisrael (early)		87	3-4.30 p.m.
Thur. April 24	Chemistry		27	3-6 p.m.
	Chemistry (early)		86	3-4.30 p.m.
Sun. April 27	Talmud (Restricted Curriculum A and B)		25	3-6 p.m.
Mon. April 28	Grammar		02	3-5.30 p.m.
	Grammar for New Immigrants		59	3-4 p.m.
Wed. April 30	Physics (Restricted Curriculum)		35	3-6 p.m.
	Physics (Broad Curriculum)	Part A	26	3-6 p.m.
	Physics (Broad Curriculum)	Part B	26	6.30-8 p.m.
	Physics (early)		85	3-4.30 p.m.

2. PLACES OF EXAMINATIONS
Examinees must be at the location at which the examination is to be held half an hour prior to the time of commencement, and must bring with them a Government Identity Card for identification purposes.

A. Tel Aviv and Central Branch
1) The examinations in Hebrew Literature for New Immigrants, History (History of the People of Israel) early, for new immigrants, Bible for New Immigrants, Talmud (Restricted Curriculum A and B) and Grammar, both for new immigrants, will take place for all examinees at the offices of the Examinations Division, 71 Rehov Jabotinsky, Ramat Gan. Buses 51, 54, 62, 66, 70, 40, and 42.
2) The examinations in Hebrew Literature (Expanded Curriculum), Second Foreign Language, History (early), First Foreign Language (except English), Mathematics (Expanded Curriculum), Biology (early and matriculation), Geography (early), Chemistry (early and matriculation), and Physics (Expanded Curriculum and early) will take place for all examinees at Municipal High School Tet, Yad Eliahu, at the end of Rehov LaGuardia, Tel Aviv. Buses 30, 31, 34, 35, 36 and 11.
3) For examinations in all other subjects, examinees will be distributed among 7 examination centres, according to the first letter of their surnames, as follows:

Initial letter of surname:	School in which examination will be held	Address of school	Bus routes
Alef-Bet	Municipal High School Alef-Hashmonaim, Bat Yam	27 Rehov Hashmonaim, Bat Yam	No. 18, from North Tel Aviv. No. 85, from Central Bus Station, Tel Aviv
Gimei-Daled-Hey-Vav	Ramot Municipal High School, Bat Yam	28 Rehov Mivtza Sinai, Bat Yam	No. 18, from North Tel Aviv, Nos. 85-86, from Central Bus Station
Zayin-Het-Tet-Yod	Shevah Municipal Vocational High School, Tel Aviv	7 Rehov Hamasger, Tel Aviv	Nos. 61, 54, 58, 60, from Central Bus Station, Tel Aviv
Kaf-Lamed-Mem	Municipal High School Hey, Tel Aviv	227 Rehov Ben-Yehuda Tel Aviv	Nos. 4, 7 (near last stop)
Nun-Samech Ayin-Pei	Geula High School, Tel Aviv	36 Rehov Geula, Tel Aviv	Nos. 1, 4, 16, 17, 18, 19, 30, 31, 32, 33
Tzade-Kuf-Resh	K'lai High School Givatayim	12 Rehov Beit Hashoeva, Givatayim	No. 58 from Central Bus Station Nos. 55, 63 from North Tel Aviv No. 57 from Ramat Gan
Shin-Taf	Municipal High School Tet, Tel Aviv	End of Rehov LaGuardia, Yad Eliyahu, Tel Aviv	Nos. 30, 31, 34, 35, 36

4) Examinees from the Mishlav School (District 8) will be examined as follows:
A. The examinations in Hebrew Literature for new immigrants, Bible for new immigrants, and Grammar for new immigrants will take place for all Mishlav examinees at the Mishlav School, 53 Rehov Weizmann, Tel Aviv. Buses 66, 62, 19, 12 and 55.
B. For all other examinations, Mishlav examinees will be divided into two groups, according to the first letter of their surname, as follows:

Initial letter of surname	School in which examination will be held	Address of School	Bus routes:
Alef-Ayin	Municipal High School Yod—Kol Israel Haverim, Tel Aviv	26 Rehov Reading, Tel Aviv	Nos. 25, 27, 45 from Bar-Ilan University, via Ramat Gan and Givatayim
Pei-Taf	Municipal High School Alef, Tel Aviv	2 Rehov Sprinzak, Tel Aviv	Nos. 12, 19, 63, 26, 11

5. Examinees from Beit Berl, students in the pre-academic course and the Youth Counsellor Training Institute, will be examined at Beit Berl, Zofit. Bus from Kfar Saba.

B. Haifa and Northern Branch (District 2)
1) Examinations in Literature for new immigrants, Grammar for new immigrants, Bible for new immigrants, Second Foreign Languages, all early examinations (except for Knowledge of the People and State), First Foreign Languages (except English), Mathematics (Expanded Curriculum), Hebrew Literature (Expanded Curriculum), Physics (Expanded Curriculum, Chemistry, Biology and Talmud (Restricted), will take place, for the examinees, at Beit Hinuch Tichon, 41 Rehov Zahal, Haifa. Buses 2 and 3.
2) The examination in Knowledge of the People and the State will take place for all examinees at Municipal High School Alef, 27 Rehov Tel Aviv, Haifa. Buses 40, 41 and 42.
3) For all other examinations, examinees will be distributed among 5 examination centres, according the first letter of their surname, as listed on the Examination Registration Notice:

Initial letter of surname	School in which examination will be held	Address of school	Bus-routes
Alef-Bet	Kol Israel Haverim High School	75 Rehov Herzl, Haifa	All buses to Hadar
Gimel-Daled-Hey-Vav-Zayin-Het-Tet	Beit Hinuch Tichon	41 Rehov Zahal Haifa	Nos. 2, 3
Yod-Kaf-Lamed	Shalva Government School	26 Rehov Yitzhak Sade Haifa	Buses to old Egged bus station
Mem-Nun-Samech-Ayin-Pei	Municipal High School Alef	27 Rehov Tel Aviv Haifa	Nos. 40, 41, 42
Tzade-Kuf-Resh-Shin-Taf	Municipal High School Yav	96 Derech Neve Sha'anan Haifa	Nos. 18, 19

C. Jerusalem Branch (District 3)
All examinations for all examinees will take place at the Rene Cassin High School, Rehov Ya'akov Netter, Ramat Eshkol, Jerusalem. Buses 4 and 9.

D. Southern Branch (District 4)
1) Beersheba — All examinations for all examinees will take place at Comprehensive High School Alef, Rehov Hashalom, Beersheba. Bus 5 from the Central Bus Station.
2) Eilat — Goldwater Comprehensive General High School, Eilat.

3. AIDS WHICH MAY BE BROUGHT TO EXAMINATIONS

Subject	Aids Allowed
English — Foreign Language A	Hornby's English Dictionary
Geography	1. Map of Israel, scale 250,000:1
Geography of Eretz Yisrael (early)	2. Geological map of Eretz Yisrael, scale 250,000:1 3. General physical, political and economic atlas
Mathematics, Broad and Restricted Curricula	Slide rule, logarithm tables, and drawing instruments. A list of necessary formulae will be appended to the exam paper
Chemistry	Slide rule, logarithm tables. Periodic Table of Elements
Physics (Restricted)	Slide rule, logarithm tables, drawing instruments
Physics (Broad)	Side rule, logarithm tables, drawing instruments. Necessary formulae and list of physical constants will be appended to the exam paper
French, Foreign Language A and Foreign Language B	French dictionary, for part A of exam only.
Bible, Curriculum A and Curriculum B	Bible, without commentary, for Part A of exam only.

Apart from the aids listed above, no material may be brought into examination rooms or used during examinations. Furthermore, all the above-listed aids must be free of any additions, notes or lists.

4. ORAL EXAMINATIONS
Oral examinations will take place at branches of the Examinations Division, from April 4-April 14, 1975.
Oral examinees will be personally notified as to the precise time of their oral examination, and the language in which they will be examined.
An examinee who has registered for an examination and who does not received his Notice of Registration four days prior to the date of the examination is requested to apply to the Division's branch in his district.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Lethargy continues

TEL AVIV. — The same lethargic spirit which has characterized trading the past few days continued yesterday, and financial circles do not expect any real interest until after the Pessah holidays. These circles point out that many persons are involved in preparing for the holiday — and this costs money. Moreover, businessmen are settling their accounts since the fiscal year ends this March 31 — and this also takes money. If anything, there is a tendency to raise capital and not to invest.

Yesterday, stocks were "dull"; index-linked were both "dull and irregular." The turnover in stocks was IL981,900; of this, IL382,600 was in the variables. The turnover in bonds was IL382,600.

The General Index of share prices fell by 0.02 per cent to stand at 101.52.

		20.3.75	19.3.75
DEBENTURES LINKED TO THE DOLLAR			
Dead Sea Junior	r	—	264
Electric Corp. A	r	—	—
Electric Corp. B	r	—	147.1
LINKED to the C.L. INDEX (Principal & Interest)			
ta 1965, Index 110.1	b	437	438
ahon 1968, Series 41	b	186.1	186.1
ahon 1969, Series 41	b	140.3	142
COMMERCIAL BANKS BANKHOLDING COMPANIES			
ar Hityashvut	r	215.5	215.5
.B. pref.	r	291	291
.B. Bankholding	r	193	192
on Bank	r	226	227.5
count Bank "A"	r	421	420
ted Mizrahi Bank	b	157	157
k Hapoalim—10%	b	304	303
k Leumi "A"		250.5	250.5
MORTGAGE BANKS			
. Mortgage Bank	b	264	264
nel Mortg. & Inv.	b	147.5	148.5
. & Mortg. Bank	b	233	238
sing Mortg. Bank	b	168	166
ahot 8%	b	228	229
ahot	b	227	228
SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
& Dev. Bank 8%	r	65.5	65.5
eh	r	380	376
sneh Insurance	b	231.5	232
ar—"C"	b	256.5	256
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
or House	b	74.5	74.5
k C.	r	147	147
Storage—IL10	r	135	135
el Electric Corp.	r	110	108
storage & Supply	r	122	120.5
LAND, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT CITRUS			
im	r	102	112.5
a Isr. IL10	r	229	229
Land Dev.	b	97	96.5

Solel Boneh—10%	b	116.5	118.5
Property & Build.	r	161	159
Isras	b	102.5	102
Mehadrin	r	156	157
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	r	90.5	91
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	218	218
Neot Aviv	r	84.5	84.5
Pri Or Ltd.	r	139	139
Rassco—8%	r	77.5	77.5
Rassco—O.	r	55	54.5
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	400	400
Elco—2.5	b	86	87
Electra—5	r	132	135
"Argaman"—8%	b	180	182
"Ata"—C	r	77	78
Dubek	b	360	356
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	131.5	133
Teva		1085	1120
Chem. & Phosphates	r	125.5	125.5
Lewin Epstein	b	64.5	64.5
Moller Textile	r	190	190
Phoenicia—8%	b	69	69
Paper Mills	r	265	267
Assis "B"	r	161	164
Nechushtan	b	599.5	599.5
Elite (A)	r	183	185
Shemen—8%	b	105	107
"Tasl" Plywood	b	108	108
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	84	83
Elbit	b	146	149
Israel Central Trade	r	173	170
Bank Hapoalim	b	342	343
Paz	b	94	92.5
Wolfson IL10	b	72.5	73
Ampa	r	109	109.5
Discount Bank	b	155.5	156.5
United Mizrahi	b	120	120
Bank Leumi	r	192	192
Piryon Investment	r	99	100
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	80	80
Export Bank	b	65.5	66
Clal Investment	r	203	203
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WALL STREET

Closing Thurs., March 20, 1975

Rally collapses, prices fall

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market fell back again yesterday after the collapse of a mid-session rally. The rise was set off by speculation over a possible new petrol-saving device.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, up more than 6 points earlier, was down nearly five points an hour before the close. Losers were about level with gainers in moderately active trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The focal point of the brief upswing was a speech by Robert Sarnoff, chairman of RCA Corp., in which he said a minute electronic device called a microprocessor could possibly improve petrol kilometrage in medium and large-sized cars by 40 per cent. The rally began losing momentum, however, on news reports that automakers themselves seemed to take a more cautious view of the possible benefits of the device.

RCA shares had jumped 3⅝ to 19 when trading in them was halted because of a heavy influx of orders.

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d Str	27 1/8	Corning	48 5/8	Kais Alum	22 1/8	Rohm & Haas	62 1/8
Chal	9 1/2	CPC Intl	40 1/4	Kenn Cop	35	Royl D	35
	38 5/8	Crown Cork	21 1/2	Koppers	48	Safeway	44 1/8
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ume	39	Dress Ind	49	Macy RH	21 3/8	Singer Co	11 3/4
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Iow	15 7/8	Fluor Cp	26 1/2	Merr Lynch	16 1/8	Stu Wor	25 3/4
x	34 3/8	Fd Fair	5 3/8	Miles Lab	22 5/8	Sun Oil	33 3/4
iet	3 1/2	Ford Mot	37 5/8	Minn M M	52 1/8	Teledyne	11 1/2
Sd	33 7/8	Gen Dynam	29 1/4	Mobil Oil	41 1/4	Tenneco	22 7/8
f Co	21 1/2	Gen Elect	46 3/8	Monogm	7 3/4	Texaco	24 3/4
Jas	17 3/4	G Fds Corp	25	Monsan	52 3/4	Texas Gulf	27
War	16 3/4	Gen Mills	46 1/4	Moor McCor	41 1/2	Texas Instru	93 5/8
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Unit Price %		Market Price %	Redemption Price %
ZABAR	302.4	288.1	295.3
REZ	113.2	107.9	190.5
ETAN	171.60	—	167.41
DIF	118.54	—	115.51

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WINDFALL PROFITS FOR INDUSTRY

Specific effects of general inflation

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

A GREAT DEAL HAS been said about the warping impact of inflation on the costing and profitability of our companies, in particular about the adverse effect of depreciation allowances based on the original cost of assets. Construction and equipment costs have been swelling due both to the general price rise, and because these specialised products are subject the least to price control and are likely to be affected the most by inflationary demand. As a result, replacement funds accumulated from conventional depreciation are likely to prove inadequate. They must, therefore, be supplemented by additional investment from other sources. If a firm does not provide for ample reserves from ploughed back profits, it may be forced to resort to borrowing. However, accumulation of inner reserves is obstructed by high tax rates and forced loans, and, in many cases also by price controls, while recourse to borrowing involves red tape, bureaucratic influence, and other problems. It is no wonder that this issue figures prominently among the manufacturers' complaints and recommendations for reform.

However, the issue is more complex. The inadequacy of original depreciation to provide for eventual replacement of fixed industrial assets is undeniable, but it is only part of the story. Reserve funds need not lay idle. They can be invested in inflation-proof assets, in particular C-o-L-linked debentures, and thus hedged against any substantial loss of value. Though prices of linked securities may move differently from those of specific pieces of machinery or buildings, the average long-term hedge has proved remarkably good so far. Replacement, as a rule, is accompanied by modernization. New equipment costs more partly because it is more productive, but is therefore of higher value, even at the old price level.

But once close attention is paid to the effects of the rising prices there is no need to stop at depreciation. Inflation can affect a firm's entire cash-flow, as well as its non-monetary assets and liabilities, and the results of this process have turned out to be different from what is widely presumed.

The business results of a major industrial company were recently examined by a new accounting method used in Britain. The firm's management was startled by the findings. The fixed assets of the company were revalued at about 60 per cent over book value, and the amount required for depreciation increased by a similar percentage. However, other manufacturing costs — in the year ending March 1974 — also were one-third larger, and overhead one-fifth larger, than would have been shown by conventional accounting, because expenses paid in the first part of the period were raised to reflect the inflationary trend. Though the cash-flow of proceeds of sales was similarly treated, the operating profit dropped almost one-half. When related to the company's capital—also appropriately revalued — the operating profit ratio declined even more.

However, the company's gross profit did not decline. The drop in operating profit was offset by the monetary gain achieved as a result of the inflationary appreciation of stocks and linked securities without a corresponding increment in (unlinked) liabilities (such as bank credits, long-term loans, and suppliers' credits). The company's *revalued* capital went up about 75 per cent. It was thus not affected by the smaller operating profit. The shareholders were satisfied with the results though it was achieved, not by manufacturing, but by borrowing. In this case, the company's capital accounted for over 40 per cent of the balance sheet total, exceeding the amount of fixed assets even by conventional accounting methods. In companies with slimmer means — which form the majority of industry — the windfall gains resulting from inflation must be even more substantial. The accrual of assets does not mean, however, that companies also maintain adequate liquidity. Quite the contrary, the less liquid a company is, the bigger are likely to be its windfall gains.

In such circumstances, industries need not be too concerned about costs and operating profits, because they may earn more by incurring debts. They may propose unprofitable expansions and investments as a pretext for making capital gains on their assets, largely financed — as they usually are — by non-linked debts. (An outstanding example of this tendency — which is not confined to manufacturing enterprises — has been the excessive growth of the hotel industry.) The importance attached to the *terms* of credits (and grants) financing industrial expansion is revealed by the above analysis, as well as the industrialists' adamant opposition to all suggestions to make development loans linked to the C-o-L index. It must be noted that the business period examined was 1973-74, when the price level rose by about 30 per cent. Since then, the price rise has accelerated, along with its effects.

CONSUMER BRIEFS

AN ATTRACTIVELY-packaged set of individual jams and marmalades, suitable for gifts, has just come out under the "778" label of Beit Yitzhak. Called "Gamadim" (literally, "dwarfs" or "midgets"), they sell for IL6. for the packaged set, which contains five containers of 30 grams each.

After Passover, "778" will come out with a "Piccalilli" (mustard and vegetable) relish.

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OSEM HAS a new packaged soup on the market, *kasher l'Pessah*. It is Russian Beet Borsht, and sells for IL4.15 for two packets in a box. Each packet 4-6 portions. Also for Passover, Osem's biscuit department is selling coconut cookies for Pessah in two containers — a bag of 200 grams and a carton of 800 grams.

Other news from Osem: Eight-portion economy packets of Osem's Minestrone and Krupnick soups are now available, at IL3.40 and IL3.70 respectively. If you bought the same soups in the fancier two-pack boxes, they would cost [illegible].

Four types of Osem soup powder are now available in economy plastic jars of 400 grams. They are Chicken (IL10.50), Vegetable (IL8.15), Mushroom (IL10.70) and Parve Chicken-Flavour (IL6.70).

Osem is shortly coming out with new economy packaging for its cookies. The first scheduled is a coconut cookie in a one-kilo pack for IL14.70.

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THE SECOND ISSUE of *"Ma Kedai"* ("What's Worthwhile") — the new magazine of the Israel Consumer Council — is on the newsstands at IL3. The issue comments on the changing consumer scene from a seller's to a buyer's market (which should benefit the consumer). It gives tips on buying bed linen, and discusses the long-range economy of wash-and-wear sheets, despite the higher initial price. There are comparative reports on cooking stoves, aerosol air-fresheners, and polyethylene bags for garbage and sandwiches, as well as a legal advice column on apartment-buying, and other articles. The magazine is in Hebrew.

Port tariffs to rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Ports Authority has announced that it will raise tariffs of a number of cargo handling services by 30 to 50 per cent next month. The raises will cover porterage and storage fees and the handling of all cargoes up to ten tons.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE
Thursday's Rates

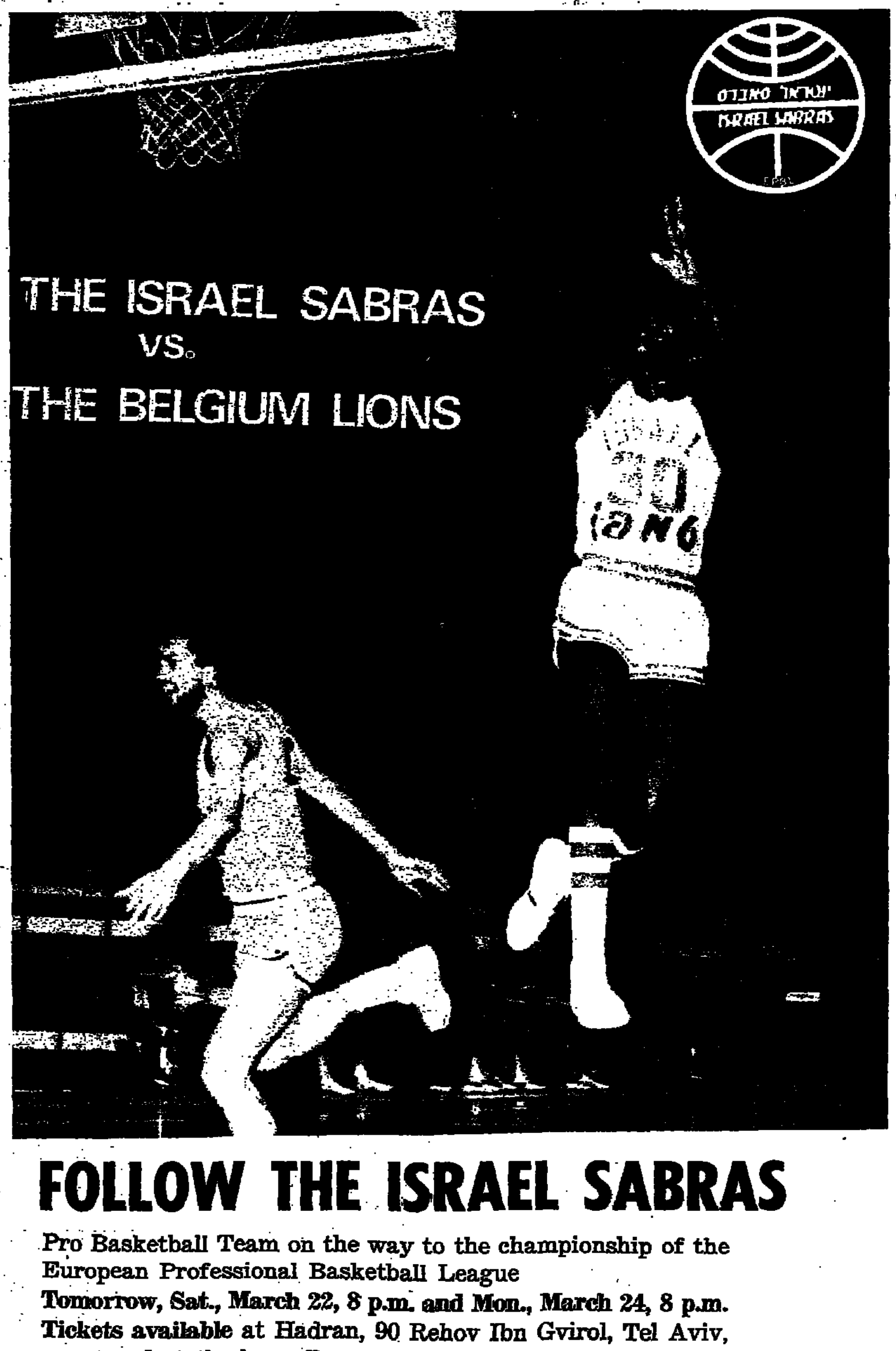
SPOT RATES

Dollar	2.4185/2.4190	per £
DM	2.3120/40	per $
Swiss Fr.	2.4725/55	per $
Lire	628.40/90	per $
Belgian Fr.	34.25/28	per $
Dutch Fl.	2.3560/90	per $
Yen	287.10/40	per $
French Fr.	4.1910/50	per $

Gold price: $178—179

FORWARD RATES

	1 Mo.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.
$/£	2.4080/095	2.3860/875	2.3555/570
DM/$	2.3080/110	2.2990/3020	2.2920/955
Sw.Fr./$	2.4700/750	2.4645/695	2.4540/600



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Tempo for people who have Tempo

Textile men ask Gov't aid to boost exports

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If the local textile industry is not only to stay "afloat" during the field's present international crisis, but to continue to export sophisticated products as well — the authorities must do everything in their power to encourage local manufacturers. This was the essence of a briefing given this week by Mr. Dov Jacobovitz, chairman of the Textile Section of the Manufacturers Association, and was borne out recently on a consequent press tour of three plants in the greater Tel Aviv area.

Mr. Jacobovitz suggested that the authorities adopt two revolutionary policies to help the industry. The first was that "exporters get a progressive premium — the more they increase their exports, the higher the premium the Government will pay them." Secondly, he wanted the Government to take steps to cover rising labour costs. "If we have to pay a worker several hundred pounds more each month in cost-of-living allowances, this forces the price of our products up. It also makes our prices highly competitive — in the world abroad where textile prices have been falling due to the economic crisis abroad and the fact that many new countries are entering the field."

He also pointed out that 60,000 persons (one-fifth of all industrial workers) were employed in various phases of textiles in Israel. However, in Israel the problem is still a shortage of workers, especially to man the night shift (11 p.m. to 6 a.m.). Due to the high cost of the machines, they must be manned 24 hours a day to keep overhead down to the bare minimum. Nevertheless, the machines were working only at 75 per cent of capacity — as compared to 90-95 per cent abroad.

He complained that many workers deliberately went in for a policy of "absenteeism" in order to get social welfare benefits. "Why should a person work 25 days a month, when he can work 20 days and get social welfare benefits to make up for the days he stays home?

Of the three plants visited, Mr. Arthur Kaufman (of Kaufman and Tobolski) gave the most surprising answer to what was "troubling him." He answered, "No special problems." There were a lot of small problems, though, mainly due to the fact that he, like every other exporter, was drowning in a sea of bureaucracy. The firm had been built slowly, step by step, since 1948, and today it exported about 80 to 90 per cent of its goods — men's pants.

Mr. Kaufman recognizes however, that since the "American dollar was cheap abroad, and since Israel was linked to the dollar, it was easy to sell today. If the dollar should become expensive, the situation might change."

As for the "Lena" knitting works, managing director Davis Cohen and deputy managing director Moshe Prager noted that although they were concentrating on one chain in the U.K. (Marks and Spencer), in the U.S. they had engaged the services of "eight travelling salesmen" who had visited 500 shops, mainly in the south. They hoped to sell to some three thousand small shops. "Lena" specialized in high-class sweaters, such as cashmere and angora.

Adereth (which is really a complex of Adereth, Syntex, Orna and Adereth Noy) employs some 550 persons, and engages in a wide variety of functions, ranging from manufactured worsted spun wool and synthetic yarns to dyeing and wearing and exports about 50 per cent of its output (mainly rugs), according to Mr. Ernst F. Wodak, chairman of the board, and Mr. Joseph Zarchin, alternate chairman of the board.

OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER
Public Complaints Commission
Public Tenders for Vacancies in the Public Complaints Commission

PUBLIC TENDER No. 6/74

Title:

Assistant to the Commissioner for Public Complaints

(2 positions)

Grade: Daled-Gimel on Judicial Service scale
Location: Tel Aviv
Job description: Examination of complaints sent to the Commissioner for Public Complaints, in accordance with the State Comptroller Law 1958 (Combined Version); checking the pertinent facts for each complaint in writing and orally with representatives of those bodies against whom a complaint is directed; assembly of the facts required to make a decision in view of the results of the examination of the complaint and preparing a response to the complainant; work with a group of lawyers and other professional workers; dealing with a variety of complex matters in the area of professional work in accordance with guidelines set by the director of the staff.
Requirements: Membership in the Israel Bar Association; at least 3 years' experience as an advocate or in judicial work in the civil service or a public institution; second degree in Jurisprudence an asset; good ability of expression in Hebrew, both orally and in writing; knowledge of English an asset; the grade of suitable candidates will be set, partially, in accordance with his experience.

PUBLIC TENDER No. 7/74

Title:

Assistant to the Commissioner for Public Complaints

Grade: Vav-Hey on Judicial Service scale.
Location: Tel Aviv
Job description: Examination of complaints sent to the Commissioner for Public Complaints, in accordance with the State Comptroller Law 1958 (Combined Version); checking the pertinent facts for each complaint in writing and orally with representatives of those bodies against whom a complaint is directed; assembly of the facts required to make a decision in view of the results of the examination of the complaint and preparing a response to the complainant; work with a group of lawyers and other professional workers, headed by the director of the staff.
Requirements: Membership in the Israel Bar Association; experience in judicial work an asset; good ability of expression in Hebrew, both orally and in writing; the grade of a suitable candidate will be set, partially, in a accordance with his experience.

In all the aforementioned positions, the work may entail work outside of normal working hours; the work also necessitates travel to bodies located outside Tel Aviv.

Applicants who meet Tender requirements should fill in, in duplicate, the form entitled Application for a Vacancy, obtainable at district offices of the State Comptroller's Office in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, and at all post offices; the applications should be sent to the Personnel Department, Office of the State Comptroller, P.O.B. 1081, Jerusalem 91 000.

Certified copies of documents proving that the applicant's education meets Tender requirements, a handwritten curriculum vitae, and a photograph of the applicant, taken within the past year, should be attached to the application.

A civil servant who wishes to present his candidacy for one of the aforementioned Tenders must submit an additional copy of the form Application for a Vacancy via his superiors in the office in which he works.

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After the dominoes fall

IT IS NOW exactly two years since the Vietnam peace agreements were signed. President Nixon said the agreement would bring "peace with honour" in Vietnam and Southeast Asia.

Today the world watches as upwards of half a million refugees flee from the northern parts of South Vietnam toward Saigon in the face of a North Vietnamese offensive which has forced the Government in Saigon to write off four or perhaps five northern provinces. It watches also as the noose around the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh tightens with the inevitable end vividly apparent.

It is, of course, fashionable, even in some quarters in the U.S. to use these events to point an accusing finger at Dr. Kissinger, who negotiated the Vietnam agreement. All too often the accusers are those who demanded most vociferously America's withdrawal from Vietnam, and then also sought to curtail the very military aid to Saigon and Cambodia which alone could give these countries a chance against their well-supplied foes.

Yet it is not Dr. Kissinger's role or the durability of the 1972 peace agreement which is the true issue, for in the America of that time it was quite plain that his principal mandate was to achieve the withdrawal of U.S. troops from a war the American people were no longer prepared to sustain. The rhetoric of peace which accompanied the agreement was at best wishful thinking.

What is the issue for the future is how the events in Indochina are going to affect America's understanding of its world role. As the dominoes fall, will the U.S. continue to sustain its drive to disengage itself from foreign entanglements, a drive whose only victims are former allies, or will it realize anew that a great power must also assume the moral responsibility of inaction, which also shapes events?

Americans, anchored in a long tradition of international indifference, have never been comfortable with the global responsibilities thrust upon them. Their history, especially in this century, is replete therefore with inward and outward swings. It is not a favourable foundation for a sustained and consistent foreign policy. Rather it leads to events like war and then divorce in Indo-China, or the embargo on military supplies to an ally like Turkey. And it causes alarms and distrust among America's friends, just as it encourages foes.

The American people will soon be forced to reconsider not whether they should but how they must interfere in world affairs in a manner which can keep a fragile international order intact. And the sooner they do so, without permitting the inevitable recriminations over their role in Indo-China to cloud the issue, the greater will be the prospects of international stability.

DYING DAY OF PATERNALISM

YOU ENQUIRE of a well-informed Labour Knesset Member what got into them to ask for a IL28m. consolidation loan just now, when the Education budget has been cut, when a dangerously large sum was lopped off Defence, when the Western world is spiralling down into a recession that will deprive us of tourists and markets for our goods, when taxes and prices have gone up to a point where supermarkets are yawningly empty even in the week before Passover. The Member looks a mite embarrassed, turns his head from side to side to see who is listening, and replies with another question.

"Have you any idea of the interest rates we are paying on our loans now? Besides, you know where party funds came from. There were earnings on differences in the exchange and the value of stocks, "grey" market profits... well what had you thought?"

You murmur something about the bus cooperatives and contributions from the Histadrut firms. "All those," says your informant, "were in the golden past, when the entire economy was run on paternalistic lines. Even the big firms are only going to make very modest contributions in future, from a small percentage of legitimate, accountable profits set aside for gifts. In a way even Watergate contributed to the change in attitude. There is not going to be any more money for the party in future."

The Chairman of the Jewish Agency, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, likes to grumble that all financial trouble is now attributed to him. It is fairer to go back further and blame it on the early development under

Parliamentary Report

By LEA BEN DOR

the British in the period of the Mandate. At least they don't care. In those days everything was run by the Jewish Agency, or Mapai, which was much the same thing, and financed as best one could, over-ground or underground.

The paternalism remained, and was probably essential in the early years of the state. Mr. Sapir's textile factories of those early years have since come in for the biting scorn of the economists: India or Taiwan can produce cheaper cotton piece goods. But in the long run would it have been better to have left the original Yemenite newcomers to make-work projects so artificial that they took nobody in? They knew the tree-planting was not "real" work.

However, the public has grown up in the mean time and no longer wishes a fatherly party to tell them what to do. In fact, it would like to tell the parties what to do, and the result is a very sour public reaction to the thought that political parties should be able to get loans much more cheaply than young people looking for a flat so they can get married, or large families trying to get a place big enough to hold a separate bed for each child, at least.

A good many people inside Labour wished they could find a way out of the party's dilemma other than a government guarantee of a cheap bank loan, short of undermining the entire party structure. Quite a bit of property formerly owned by the party has already been sold, it seems. But sell Beit Berl, the party college, and party pride? Without the courses held in its pleasant — but modest — buildings set in lush green gardens, where will the young generation of leaders come from, where will people go to debate moving tones that Defence Minister party ideology? You cannot be in power for half a century, and expect people to crowd into meetings held at night in cellars. That is only for revolutionaries. There is a large orange grove, the proceeds of which finance the courses at Beit Berl. Should the party sell it? Maybe it should. Quite possibly the credit it would gain with the public might bring it more support than all the Beit Berl ideological courses.

The debate on Wednesday was not illuminating because it consisted mainly of an exchange of insults between the big parties with the big debts and the small, and new parties who have not had time yet to get into unmanagable debts. Dov Zakin (Mapam-Alignment) said sorrowfully that the loan would not attract young people to the party, which is true, until he was interrupted by an enraged yell from Avraham Schechterman (Likud) pointing out that Mapam kibbutzim had been quite happy to get loans at 2 per cent in the past, which is equally true. It was curious to hear Shmuel Tamir (Free Centre), that former scourge of anything to do with Labour, pleading in his ... Peres had said he would ... make serious cuts in the ... budget affecting security.

One or two nuggets of ... emerged, despite the insults. ... Cohen (Likud) observed ... parties came by money too ... they spread it around too ... If they have less money the ... try argument, rather than m... incentives, for which anyone ... surely give three cheers.

The final truth came from ... yamin Halevy, the former S... Court Justice, who has recent... the Likud which brought hi... the Knesset. He quoted the S... Aruch (Code of Jewish la... custom) to say that no ... permitted to rule on a case in ... he himself stands to benefit ... that he is free of party res... lities in the Knesset, perha... Halevy will prepare a dra... that prevents the two major ... getting together and voting ... selves anything that the ... might be chary of giving ... Wednesday's vote was only 40 in a House of 120. A ... rule for a two-thirds vote ... do the trick, but who is g... get the two big parties to p...

READERS' LETTERS

Photography and propaganda

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I read Meir Ronnen's report of Micha Bar Am's photography (February 21) with much interest. I agreed with much that Mr. Ronnen had to say about Mr. Bar Am's work — he is a powerful photographer, although I wonder if his sensational approach makes him a great artist. What disturbed me is that Mr. Ronnen could say that Mr. Bar Am was not editorializing. The political statement that comes through from Mr. Bar Am's work is certainly an editorial statement. Although I am saddened that Mr. Bar Am has these views, he certainly has the right to state them, but they should be recognized as such. The musuem, therefore, should have had a disclaimer indicating that the opinions are those of the artist only and, I feel, it is a critic's duty to write about what an artist is saying and not only about form, design, geometric and reciprocal movement, cutting, etc.

In Mr. Bar Am's post 1967 pictures, Israel (and her army) is shown in confrontation with the Arab, and Israel (and her soldiers) is shown as the aggressor, an intruder, a usurper, the outsider, the ugly Israeli. The "warts" seem to be all over the Israeli. Our withdrawl from the Canal Zone is portrayed by the burning of plush, empty, civilian armchairs arranged in a circle. What Mr. Bar Arm chooses to show us of the problem we face with terrorist infiltrators is Israeli soldiers standing alive with guns in hand over the corpses of two would-be terrorsts, lying on the other side of the security fence. The early attempts of working out some sort of civil order was not just a "whole village squatting impassively before a trio of border policemen" —— but the border policemen are shown legs astride, on a raised platform, Uzzis poised for action. Yes, these and Mr. Bar Am's many other pictures are all very powerful, and everything Mr. Ronnen says about them is true: there are human qualities, they do have geometric and reciprocal movement, there is design, they are cropped masterfully. But because they were "cleverly selected," they also constitute an editorial and political statement. There were no pictures, as far as I recall, that balanced Mr. Bar Am's negative view of Israel's policy and behaviour toward the Arab, either as an enemy or living in our midst. I am sorry that anyone and especially one with the reputation and wherewithal to represent us in international forums, sees us this way. I am also sorry that Mr. Ronnen, as a critic, neglected to write about this very strong element in the exhibit. This is another reason why our hasbara fails so sorrowfully. And, since a picture can say a thousand words, I hope Mr. Bar Am's wonderfully critical eye can be trained to also see another aspect of the Israel's battle with the "Arab-Israel problem" and then present our cause in the forums of the world.

DVORAH R. BLOCK

Jerusalem, March 7.

Mike Ronnen comments:

No amount of hasbara can, to my mind, change the facts as reported by Micha Bar Am, unpalatable as they may be. I believe him to deal not in politics, but with harsh realities. So, too, does most of the great reportage of the last two decades, whether written or photographed. Only in the Soviet bloc is art judged by its hasbara value.

PRAYER AND DEEDS

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The commentary of Rabbi Elazar (quoted by M.K. in the "Portion of the Week" of February 28) is thoughtful, but also disturbing.

The story of Moses may teach us that prayer is greater than deeds alone, but doesn't it also teach us that prayer without deeds could lead to the destruction of the Jewish people? Who is more God-like, a man who prays and does nothing, or a man who prays little, but does much to sustain his people (including those who pray, but do little else)? Would that the latter man prayed also; perhaps he did during his youth. But now he sees fit to expend himself to help fellow Jews (and others) without the discipline and humbleness of prayer. His action must please our Maker.

Also, does the story of Moses teach us that fasting is greater than charity, or is that just one insight one can read into the story? Fasting deprives our body of sustenance, but what does it impel us to do for our fellow Jews... our fellow man?

Would that the charitable Jew would also fast. But would not God be sorely tried to choose which is more characteristic of the good Jew — fasting or charitableness?

LAWRENCE GOULD

Lyndhurst, Ohio, March 11.

M. K. comments:

Mr. Gould is right in suggesting that Rabbi Elazar's comment is "just one insight one can read into the story." The different commentators, from the Talmudic Sages down to those of our own times, have come up with numerous insights, some of them mutually contradictory, and all of them must be seen in the context of the whole. What Rabbi Elazar really meant, I suppose, is that prayer plus deeds is greater than deeds alone, and fasting plus charity is greater than charity alone; that one has to do one's duty to God and Man alike.

Schools in need of reform

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As recent immigrants from the U.S., we find there are some things —— like hamburgers, good cigars and the two-day weekend — that we miss but are prepared to do without. There are others like the Arab-Israeli conflict that we know will take a long time to change. But when it comes to our children's education, we are neither prepared to accept the present system nor to wait patiently and/or philosophically for eventual reforms.

Coming from a school system that is very flexible and oriented to the needs and abilities of each individual student to a system where the student must meet the inflexible (and outdated) standards of an authoritarian system has been a cultural shock for our youngsters. As parents who agree with our sons' assessment that the educational system is long overdue for a major overhaul, we can't only shrug philosophically and say: "This too will pass."

Statements from officials in the Education Ministry demonstrate that they are aware that all is not well. The impetus for quick action, however, seems to be lacking. Maybe now that our complaints coincide with news headlines of juvenile delinquincy and gang warfare, there will be more public pressure to revise an educational system based on "selection and ejection" and replace it with one that offers students attractive alternatives without the stigma of relegation to a lower level and without the heavy emphasis on exam marks and the accompanying pervasive and highly developed system of cheating.

Some things — like growing children —— just can't wait.

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Rehovot, March 16.

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POSTSCRIPTS

ISRAELIS REALIZE only too well that the United Nations is no longer the organization it used to be, but we tend to associate the change mainly with the number of Third World and Communist bloc votes cast against us.

An Associated Press story now shows that Women's Libbers have also been at work to bring about a transformation. At a recent UN session on women's rights, a five months' old baby was voted the right to be admitted and breast-fed by his mother during the discussion.

Mrs. Jeanne Stillman and her infant son Alexander had at first been barred by the guards, since U.N. meetings are closed to children under nine. When she sent in a message of protest, M. Germaine Greer (author of "The Female Eunuch") brought a motion "for a vote of censure of our hosts for the exclusion of this human being." The motion was adopted and Mrs. Stillman and Alexander entered the hall. The baby apparently listened peacefully to the discussion, but that was because he was suckled until he fell asleep.

Women from the Communist countries commented caustically on the matter, Dr. Herta Kuhrig of East Germany saying it would have been better to have public nursery facilities available at the U.N. They also argued strenuously in ... of family life which some ... speakers had said was a d... institution.

HOLLYWOOD is to have ... mosque to serve the thousan... members of the Islamic Fou... of Southern California as ... other local Moslems.

The mosque is to cost $3.5 ... to construct, but Saudi ... King Faisal is to foot the ... least, that is what the foun... director hopes. When he m... first pilgrimage to Mecca ... he showed the plans to King ... The King replied: "God wil... shall help," which has bee... preted as a firm commitm... aid — "in-shallah."

THE ODDEST KIND of b... being negotiated between ... and Kuwait, according to ... report. Brazil is going to ... bottled mineral water in e... for petrol.

The president of a leadi... zilian bottling plant states ... country has vast quantities ... cellent quality water. The ... ment, expected to be c... in March or April, provi... bottled water to be sent to ... in oil tankers which wou... return with oil. From Ku... water will be sent on to ... sert nations in the area.

PORTION OF THE WEEK

THE GREAT DAY

Sidra: Tzav (Leviticus 6-8)

THE SILENT PRAYER was fixed thus (to be said in a whisper) so as not to shame those who incorporate into it a confession of their sins. Just as we read in the Tora (Leviticus 6:18) that "the Sin-offering shall be killed... in the same place where the Burnt-offering is killed," and (Leviticus 7:2) that "the Guilt-offering shall be killed in the place where they kill the Burnt-offering." This is so that the public shall not be able to make invidious distinctions between those bringing sacrifices as part of their atonement for premeditated sins (Guilt-offering), those coming on account of transgressions inadvertently committed (Sin-offering), and those bringing the Burnt-offering out of a desire for closer communion with God. (Tractate Sota 32b; "Min Hatora" by Rabbi Mordechai Hacohen, vol. 3, p. 666)

And Rabbi Kahana said (Tractate Berachot 34b): It is an impertinence for people to go around detailing their sins in public.

Yet the Hagada — "the telling" of the Passover story at the Seder (next Wednesday night) — begins not with a nostalgic sigh for some Jewish "golden age" of yore, but with a public, communal "confession" of the low state at which Jewish national history began: "We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt;" "Our first ancestors (Terah etc.) were idolaters;" "My father (Jacob) was an Aramaean vagabond." On the Talmudic principle of: Begin by damning and conclude with praise.

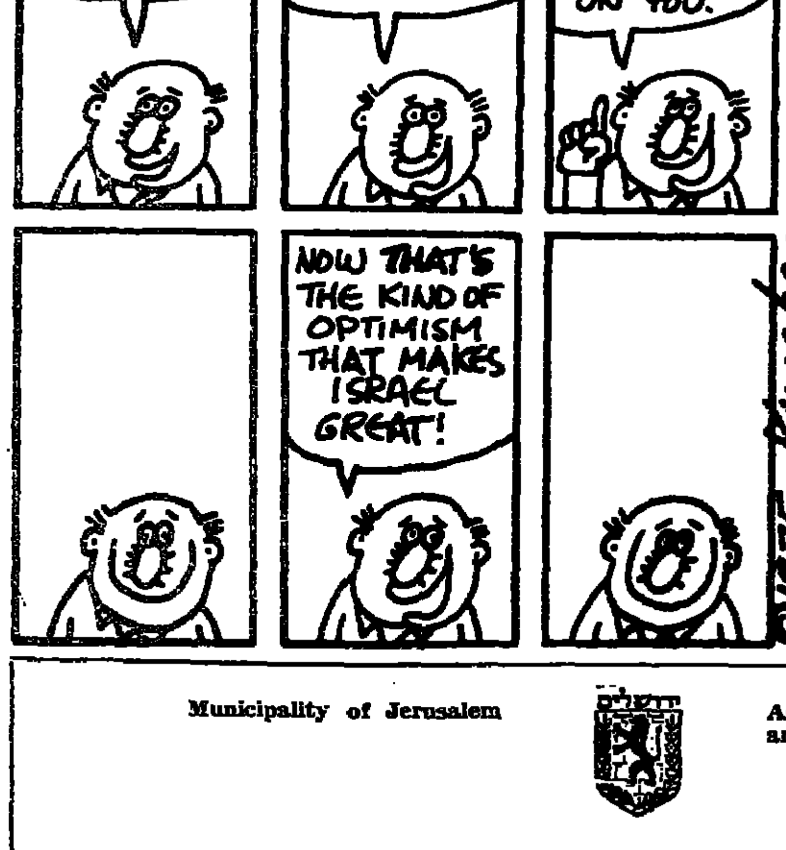
TOMORROW, The Sabbath before Passover, is known as "Shabbat Hagadol" — The Great Sabbath." Nobody can explain exactly how this designation came about, though several explanations are offered. One explanation bases itself on the passage in tomorrow's special Haftara (Prophetic Reading—Malachi 3:4-24): "Behold, I will send you the Prophet Elijah before the coming of the great and terrible day of God. And he will reconcile parents with their children and children with their parents..."

The "great day"—the Final Redemption—will come, it seems, when parents stop considering themselves the last word and children stop thinking that everything begins with them, and, through Elijah's intervention, the "generation gap" is closed and parents and children are reconciled and see each other add themselves in perspective.

And then (Jeremiah 16:14-15 and 23:7-8), "people will no longer say: 'I swear by the God Who brought the Israelites up from Egypt,' but 'I swear by the God Who brought the Israelites back from a northern land and from all the lands to which He dispersed them'; and I will bring them back to the soil which I gave to their forefathers... to live again on their own soil."

M.K.

Dry Bones



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The discussion will take place at Moses Hall, Beit Agron, Rehov Hillel, on Monday, March 24, 1975, at 8.00 p.m.

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